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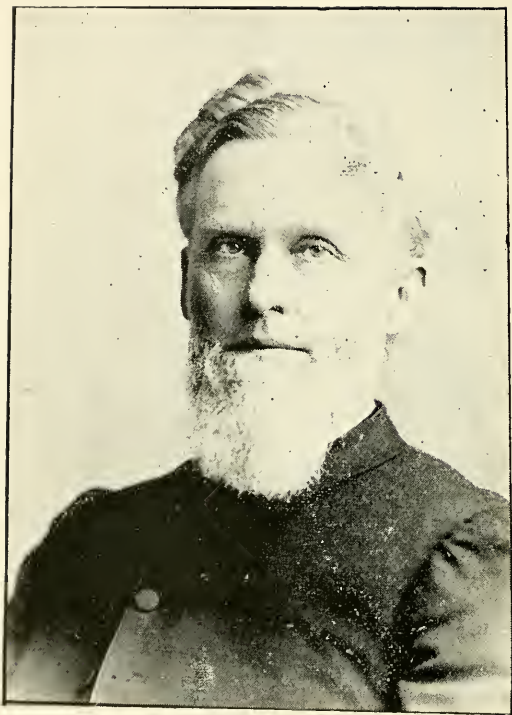
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St. Paul's English Lutheran Church,

AND OF THE

WORK OF THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

FOR THE

Semi-Centennial Year, including additional reports to June
30, 1893, with a Synopsis of the

SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERVICES OF THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL,

April 16 and 17, 1893.

COMPILED AND EDITED BY

REV. S. DOMER, D. D., Pastor,

ASSISTED BY

L. D. ALDEN, Superintendent of the Sunday School.

"That ye may tell it to the generation following."

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Sunday Services—Morning at 11 o'clock. Evening at 7.30.

Sunday School—9.30 A. M.

Catechetical Class—Sunday, 3 P. M.

Y. P. S. C. E.—Sunday, 6.30 P. M.

Junior Society.—Saturday, 2 P. M.

Lecture and Prayer Meeting—Thursday evening, at 7.30.

Ladies' Aid Society—Second Tuesday evening of each month.

Womans' Home and Foreign Missionary Society—
First Wednesday evening of each month.

Church Council—Second Friday evening of each month in
the lecture room of the church at 7.30.

Choir Meeting—Every Friday evening in the church at
7.30.

MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL.

The Pastor—S. Domer, Chairman *ex officio*, 738 11th
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Johnson, 929 N street northwest ; M. M. Rouzer,
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T. Kaiser, 507 M street northwest ; B. F. Meyers, 1209
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Tenor—J. Scharf, 442 New York avenue northwest.

Basso—W. A. Domer, 738 Eleventh street northwest.

Organist—Edwin I. Shope.

Director—W. A. Domer.

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Assistant at Lecture and Prayer Meeting—Miss Maggie Fox.

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(Organized May, 1873.)

President—Mrs. J. C. Parker, 1430 Sixth street northwest.

Vice-President—Mrs. S. Domer, 738 Eleventh St. N. W.

Secretary—Miss Esther Linkins, 1808 G street northwest.

Treasurer—Mrs. L. H. Schneider, 1322 Vermont avenue.

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Superintendent—Mr. Lucius D. Alden, 809 I. St. N. W.

ASSISTANTS.

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Intermediate—Mr. Chas. Phillips.

Primary—Miss Grace E. Fox, Miss Nettie E. Seitz.

Secretaries—Mr. J. Granville Meyers, Mr. Philip Muth.

Treasurer—Albert F. Fox.

Librarians—Mr. Wm P. Belt, Mr. Geo. R. Linkins.

Musical Director—Mr. George F. Muth.

Organist—Miss Margaret R. Fox.

Assistant—Mr. Edward Muth.

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(Organized April 28, 1884.)

OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. E. C. OPPERMAN.
<i>Vice-President</i> (now acting President),	-	-	-	-	Mrs. S. DOMER.
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<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss GRACE E. FOX.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mrs. A. F. FOX.

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Y. P. S. C. E. OF ST. PAUL'S ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

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<i>Vice-President,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mr. WM. P. BELT.
<i>Recording Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	-	Mr. CHAS. PHILLIPS.
<i>Corresponding Secretary,</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss NETTIE SEITZ.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	-	-	-	-	Miss JENNIE BARRON.

COMMITTEES.

Prayer Meeting Committee.—L. D. Alden, Chairman ; Phillip E. Muth, Margarèt Fox, Margie Hubert.

Look-out Committee.—George F. Muth, Chairman ; Mabel Griffiths, Lizzie Gibbs, Bettie Suman.

Social Committee.—Miss Grace E. Fox, Chairman ; George R. Linkins, May A. Levers, Frank Meyers, Nora Thomas.

Flower Committee.—Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Jr., Chairman ; Harry Domer, Ella Keefer, Ed. Muth.

MEMBERS OF LADIES' AID SOCIETY, JANUARY, 1893.

Miss Louise Schneider, Mrs. C. G. Rheem, Mrs. Weaver, Mrs. M. DeMoll, Mrs. T. G. DeMoll, Mrs. J. Gristock, Miss Mary Farquhar, Mrs. J. C. Parker, Mrs. May Smith, Mrs. M. Chritzman, Mrs. M. A. Linkins, Mrs. G. W. Linkins,

Miss. E. R. Linkins, Mrs. Dr. Taylor, Mrs. L. H. Schneider, Mrs. G. A. Riggles, Mrs. H. M. Schneider, Mrs. A. F. Fox, Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Domer, Mrs. Reamer, Mrs. Rouzer, Mrs. Geo. Muth, Miss M. Davis, Mrs. E. C. Belt, Mrs. A. S. Johnson, Mrs. Barr, Miss E. Reiss, Mrs. Leeds, Mrs. Klink, Miss Kern, Mrs. Augusterfer, Mrs. Gettier, Mrs. Guenther, Mrs. Monaghan, Mrs. Carrie Lang, Miss Mary Morgan, Mrs. Worley.

The Ladies' Aid Society has been one of the most faithful and helpful band of workers in the church. Their total receipts from date of organization to the present

have been.....	\$4,629 99
Disbursements	4,521.60
Balance on hand, January, 1893.....	\$108.39

MEMBERS OF WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mrs. E. Augusterfer, Mrs. J. Augusterfer, Mrs. Margaret Barr, Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. C. Boyer, Mrs. E. B. Corcoran, Mrs. Mary Chritzman, Mrs. S. Domer, Miss Lettie Ebert, Miss Annie Eckbert, Mrs. A. F. Fox, Miss Grace E. Fox, Miss Margaret Fox, Miss Julia Farquhar, Miss Mary Farquhar, Mrs. H. L. Gettier, Mrs. Emma Guenther, Mrs. Hoff, Mrs. A. S. Johnson, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. A. C. Klink, Mrs. Mary Linkins, Miss Hester R. Linkins, Mrs. C. H. Leeds, Mrs. R. L. Levers, Miss May Levers, Mrs. I. Moore, Mrs. G. F. Muth, Miss Bertie Muth, Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Mrs. J. Monaghan, Mrs. E. C. Opperman, Mrs. M. M. Rouzer, Mrs. C. B. Rheem, Mrs. Agnes Suman, Miss Bettie Suman, Mrs. A. S. Schultzbach, Mrs. L. H. Schneider, Mrs. L. M. Taylor, Miss Amelia Wagner, Mrs. Mary Worley.

HELPING HANDS, BAND OF KING'S DAUGHTERS.

(Organized March, 1889.)

MEMBERS—Mrs. L. L. Domer, Mrs. Edwin Clarkson, Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Jr., Miss Grace Fox, Miss Margaret

Fox, Miss Ella Clarkson, Miss Minnie Brown, Miss May Morgan, Miss Edith Morgan, Miss Ellen Boyer, Miss Belle Leeds. Mrs. L. L. Domer, President ; Miss Belle Leeds, Secretary ; Miss Grace Fox, Treasurer.

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE Y. P. S. C. E. OF ST. PAUL'S
ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Active.—Rev. S. Domer, George F. Muth, E. B. Corcoran, Margaret Fox, Belle F. Leeds, Grace E. Fox, Bettie Suman, George R. Linkins, Wm. P. Belt, Lucius D. Alden, Margie Hubert, Chas. O. Krause, Charles Linkins, Amelia Wagner, Dan. N. Klapp, B. F. Meyers, Charles Viet, Harry T. Domer, Lettie S. Ebert, Charles Hennerburger, W. E. Zimmerman, Chas. Phillips, Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Nettie Seitz, Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Jr., J. Gran. Meyers, Jr., Minnie Barron, Jennie Barron, Nannie Fleming, Bertie Muth, Thomas F. Pendel, Mrs. Ayers, Nora Thomas, Jennie Thomas, Rose Smith, Amy Eckhardt, John M. Gibson.

Honorary Member.—John C. Parker.

Associate.—Lee Pitchlynn, Philip E. Muth, Katy Decker, Zoda Kemp, May A. Levers, Nellie Mosheuvel, Minnie Brower, Russel Alden, Guy Ourand, J. W. Lawrenson, Willie Johnson, Gertie Barron, Lee Landers, Harry Krause, Mrs. Schultzbach, Ed. Muth, Harry Johnson, Mabel Griffiths, Henry Hills, Ella Keefer, Clara Meyers, Ned. Thomas, Victor M. Hurley, Keefer Grahe, Chas. E. Ball, Selma Spelshouse, Eva Betz, Blanche Pendal, Gertie Blue, Nellie McNulty, John J. Viet, Elizabeth Nixon, Frank Blue, Arthur Johnson, John Grahe, Guy Wright, Mary Moore, Pauline Hills, Maggie Jones, Ollie Jones, Clarence Brower, L. Gonsalus, Louie D. Leeds, Mr. Ermantraut, Miss Lizzie Gibbs.

(Leroy Duvall, Ernest Krause, William Clarkson, Charles Tilp, Charles Seltzer, Walter Kern, Frank Gummell, Fred. Gotthardt.) This class joined the Y. P. S. C. E. as a living testimonial to their deceased teacher, Mr. McCormick, shortly after it was assigned to their present teacher, Charles Phillips.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society was organized May 5th, 1890. The following persons were present at the organization : Lucius D. Alden, Master Russell Alden, George F. Muth, Ed. B. Corcoran, Emrick Hansell, Miss Grace Fox, Miss Nettie Seitz, Miss Belle Leeds, Miss Margie Hubert, George R. Linkins, Charles Linkins, and Edward Leeds. The first meeting was presided over by Lucius D. Alden. The following officers were elected at this meeting: George F. Muth, President; Lucius D. Alden, 1st Vice-President; Miss Belle Leeds, 2d Vice-President; George R. Linkins, Secretary and Treasurer. The first constitution was adopted October 3d, 1890, and remained without change until April 27th, 1892, when the amended and improved constitution by which the society now is governed, was adopted. The society has been steadily gaining in strength and efficiency, and now numbers nearly 100 members.

The present officers, elected May 5th, 1893, are the following : George F. Muth, President; George R. Linkins, Vice-President; Miss Mabel Griffiths, Recording Secretary; Miss Nettie Seitz, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Maggie Jones, Treasurer.



JOHN C. PARKER.

A. F. FOX.
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REV. S. DOMER, D. D.

M. M. ROUZER.
B. F. MEYERS.

H. H. SELTZER.

PREFACE.

The subject of the Golden Jubilee of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church was introduced at a regular session of the church council, October 14, 1892. A resolution was passed unanimously "That we, as a council and for the church, take action to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of our church, and to hold appropriate services befitting the occasion." At subsequent meetings the matter was more fully discussed, and the preparatory steps taken to accomplish the purpose thus proposed. The members of the congregation as well as the officers heartily concurred in the movement, and earnestly coöperated with them in making the jubilee anniversary successful.

At a meeting of the council February 10, 1893, on motion of brother A. F. Fox, a resolution was passed fixing Sunday, April 16, 1893, as the time for our semi-centennial celebration. Although the preliminary movement for the organization of St. Paul's took place on January 2, 1843, yet, as the organization was not fully consummated until the 15th of April, Easter Sunday, of 1843, it was agreed that Sunday and Monday, April 16 and 17, 1893, would be the most suitable and practicable time for us to hold the anniversary services and festivities.

After various meetings of the council had been held, and semi-centennial matters had been fully discussed, it was determined to invite all the living ex-pastors to be present at the anniversary, viz.: J. E. Graeff, of Philadelphia; J. G. Butler, of Washington; and H. B. Belmer, of Osborne, Ohio; and also the associate pastors of the third pastor who had labored with him during the formative period of the Memorial Church, that they be represented at the anniversary, either in person or by communications. These were: H. C. Grossman, of Anna, Illinois; H. S. Cook, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania; and W. E. Parson, pastor of the Church of the Reformation, of Washington; also Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris, of Baltimore, and Rev. Dr. F. W. Conrad, of

Philadelphia, both of whom had been the friends and helpers of St. Paul's ever since the church was organized. The pastor was requested to prepare a history of the congregation and Sunday school, assisted by the superintendent, with an account of the anniversary services—and all to be published as soon as possible, as our jubilee souvenir. Brothers E. T. Kaiser and John C. Parker were appointed the Committee on Publication.

At the meeting of the council March 23, 1893, the following committees on the semi-centennial celebration were announced by the pastor and agreed upon by the council.

It was ordered that the grand reception and banquet with which the festivities were to close should be held on Monday evening, in the National Rifles' Armory on G street, as the most commodious and suitable place for the closing scenes and exercises. The banquet was placed in charge of the ladies of the congregation; and it was, moreover, decided that all the festivities should be absolutely without charge to the guests of the church on this occasion. A strong Finance Committee was appointed to provide the necessary funds, and their large success in this direction made this fiftieth anniversary one of the grandest and most generous occasions ever enjoyed in the city. When the excellent program was ended in the large audience room on the second floor, and one thousand people marched into the banqueting hall below and took their seats at the tables so bountifully supplied with everything to make the feast complete, and decorated with a profusion of flowers sufficient to make it a fairy scene, there was ONE PASTOR present who felt supremely and excusably proud of the ladies of his congregation, and whose benedictions and felicitations went out to all the members of his church who had so generously and harmoniously coöperated in making all the festivities of the great anniversary a season of unequalled gratification and joy.

The following are the committees above referred to :

RECEPTION COMMITTEE.

- Mr. John C. Parker, 1430 6th street northwest.
 A. F. Fox, 16 Grant Place.
 M. M. Rouzer, 332 H street northeast.
 A. S. Johnson, 925 N street northwest.
 E. T. Kaiser, 508 M street northwest.
 B. F. Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.
 H. H. Seltzer, 445 5th street northeast.
 L. D. Alden, 809 L street northwest.
 Thomas F. Pendel, 304 M street northwest.
 C. Boyer, 943 Virginia avenue southwest.
 George W. Linkins, 1808 G street northwest.
 W. G. H. Clarkson, 1241 5th street northwest.
 J. G. Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.
 J. A. Weigle, 1912 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
 E. B. Corcoran, 904 10th street northwest.

COMMITTEE ON MUSIC.

- Mr. William A. Domer, 738 11th street northwest.
 Jacob Scharf, 442 New York avenue northwest.
 E. I. Shope, 207 C street northeast.
 Miss Sue H. Wilson, 203 A street southeast.
 Blanche Yewell, 1520 P street northwest.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

- Mr. A. S. Johnson, Chairman and Treasurer, 925 N St. N. W.
 A. F. Fox, 16 Grant Place.
 E. G. Schafer, 426 11th street northwest.
 George F. Muth, 908 8th street northwest.
 E. T. Kaiser, 508 M street northwest.
 Philip Hermann, 224 K street northwest.
 E. S. Clarkson, 634 2d northeast.
 Theo G. DeMoll, 430 8th street southeast.
 John C. Parker, 1430 6th street northwest.
 M. M. Rouzer, 332 H street northeast.
 George W. Linkins, 1808 G street northwest.
 Charles H. Leeds, 1314 6th street northwest.
 C. B. Rheem, 1612 S street northwest.
 C. S. Domer, 738 11th street northwest.
 Mrs. Dr. Taylor, 1221 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
 J. G. Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.
 Dr. Judd, 600 7th street southwest.
 Miss Sophie Pitchlynn, 1104 6th street northwest.
 Grace Fox, 16 Grant Place.
 Amy Eckhardt, 1140 18th street northwest.

COMMITTEE ON DECORATIONS.

Mr. John F. McClain, 717 9th street northwest.
 Harry M. Schneider, 812 11th street northwest.
 Emil G. Schaefer, 426 11th street northwest.
 Ferd Schneider, 1322 Vermont avenue northwest.
 Lee Pitchlynn, 1104 6th street northwest.
 E. T. Kaiser, 507 M street northwest.
 J. Granville Meyers, 1258 8th street northwest.
 J. J. Veit, 1506 8th street northwest
 Andrew McClain.
 J. Jacobson, 2502 I street northwest.
 Edmund K. Fox, 16 Grant Place.
 Harry Hamilton.
 L. H. Emmert, 719 12th street northwest.
 Samuel Cotterel.

CORRESPONDENCE, INVITATIONS, AND PROGRAMS.

Mr. E. T. Kaiser, Chairman, 508 M street northwest.
 Robert Clarkson, 1241 5th street northwest.
 Miss Mollie E. Davis, 1216 I. street northwest.
 Emma O. Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.

Sunday school services to be under the direction of the superintendent, Mr. L. D. Alden, and the pastor, Rev. S. Domer.

BANQUET COMMITTEES.

No. 1.

Mrs. Lieut. Gibbons, Chairman, 1336 I street northwest.
 E. B. Corcoran, 904 10th street northwest.
 J. F. Sheetz, 748 6th street northwest.
 J. Granville Meyers, Jr., 1258 8th street northwest.
 T. F. Levers, 1219 I street northwest.
 John Thomas, 812 6th street northwest.
 K. M. Veit, 1506 8th street northwest.
 O. W. White, 1336 I street northwest.

No. 2.

Miss Sophie Pitchlynn, Chairman, 1104 6th street northwest.
 Mrs. L. H. Schneider, 1322 Vermont avenue northwest.
 Mollie Morgan, 929 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
 Dr. Taylor, 1221 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
 J. G. Weaver, 936 Florida avenue northwest.

- Mrs. M. Chritzman, 624 I street northwest.
 Margaret Barr, 722 6th street northwest.
 Charles Leeds, 1314 6th street northwest.
 Miss Mary Farquahar, 1522 16th street northwest.
 Margaret Fox, 16 Grant Place.

No. 3.

- Mrs. Samuel Domer, Chairman, 738 11th street northwest.
 J. G. Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.
 A. F. Fox, 16 Grant Place.
 William Linkins, 1808 G street northwest.
 John C. Parker, 1430 6th street northwest.
 M. M. Rouzer, 332 H street northeast.
 E. S. Reese, 419 6th street northwest.
 Frank Augusterfer, 804 E street northeast.
 D. C. W. Ourand, 428 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
 Minnie Ourand, 934 I street northwest.
 E. C. Belt, 614 22d street northwest.
 W. F. Reamer, 905 New York avenue northwest.
 W. H. Spelshouse, 1028 7th street northwest.
 J. T. Chauncey, 221 I street northwest.
 Agnes Suman, 228 10th street northeast.

No. 4.

- Mrs. A. S. Johnson, Chairman, 925 N street northwest.
 Miss Hettie Linkins, 1808 G street northwest,
 Clara Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.
 Bettie Suman, 639 I street northwest.
 Mrs. H. M. Schneider, 812 11th street northwest.
 Annie Riggles, 911 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
 William W. Stewart, 402 6th street northwest.
 J. F. McClain, 717 9th street northwest.
 J. Eckhardt, 1140 18th street northwest.
 Ida Bergling, 1219 6th street northwest.

No. 5.

- Mrs. George F. Muth, Chairman, 908 8th street northwest.
 Nelson Guenther, 307 G street northwest.
 T. A. T. Judd, 600 7th street southwest.
 Mary Thomas, 625 K street northwest.
 John Monaghan, 206 G street northwest.
 Josephine Gristock, 430 8th street southeast.
 William Clarkson, 1241 5th street northwest.
 Courtland Boyer, 943 Virginia avenue southwest.

Miss Alice Kern, 452 M street northwest.
Mrs. N. Z. Seitz, 1124 8th street northwest.
Emilius Duvall, 1140 8th street northwest.
John Harris, 1109 10th street northwest.
Phil. Richardson, Le Enfant, corner 10th and H streets.
Rosenbaum, Linden street northeast.
L. D. Alden, 809 L street northwest.
Gustav Rott, 1006 6th street northwest.

No. 6.

Miss Nettie Seitz, Chairman, 1124 8th street northwest.
Grace Fox, 16 Grant Place.
Margaret Fox, 16 Grant Place.
Mary Morgan, 929 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
Belle Leeds, 1314 6th street northwest.
May Levers, 1219 I street northwest.
Mamie Thomas, 625 K street northwest.
Margie Hubert, 903 6th street northwest.
Bertie Muth, 908 8th street northwest.
Clara Ruth, 503 13th street northwest.
Katie Decker, 1108 6th street northwest.
Ella Clarkson, 1238 5th street northwest.
Jennie Barron, 736 11th street northwest.
Zada Kemp, 600 7th street southwest.

HISTORY

OF

ST. PAUL'S ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

1843—1893.

ANY history of Lutheranism in Washington City must necessarily begin with the German Concordia Church, whose fine new house of worship, completed last summer, stands at the corner of 20th and G streets northwest. This church, antedating all others in the District of Columbia, is entitled to the distinction of being called the Mother Church. An interesting and quaint old record concerning the title to the lot on which the Concordia Church building stands shows that it was transferred and set apart for the use of the Lutheran Church by a man by the name of Jacob Funk, in the year of our Lord 1768—one hundred and twenty-five years ago. This date, therefore, goes back to colonial times, and makes the title older than the Republic itself—older than the Declaration of Independence by eight years.

This date brings us within twenty-six years of the Patriarch Muhlenberg's first missionary labors in the city of Philadelphia. Mr. Jacob Funk is made to appear in this old record as having been the owner of a tract of land lying "between Rock Creek and Goose Creek, on the Potomac, in Prince George's County, Maryland." Here he laid out a town which he called Hamburg, and

in this town of Hamburg he gave lot No. 183 for the use of a "German Lutheran congregation." The village thus laid out by Mr. Funk seems to have taken his own name popularly, rather than the one he had given it, and so was usually called Funkstown. It is an interesting fact, therefore, in our local church history that long before the Capital of the new Nation was located on the Potomac the Lutheran Church had a "local habitation and a name" here, in the ownership of ground, although no organization existed at the time, and none for many years afterward. At any rate, no history is at hand to show that any church had been organized at so early a date.

From the Concordia annals I learn that the first formal organization took place on the 27th of January, 1833. The first pastor of the church was Rev. Mr. Ungerer, and his introductory sermon was preached on the 17th of February, 1834. Concordia Church is now a large and flourishing congregation, whose present pastor, Rev. Ernst Drewitz, labors with much acceptance and success among the people of his charge.

St. Paul's English Lutheran Church.

As the Concordia Church takes the first place in the order of time among the Lutheran churches of Washington, so St. Paul's English Lutheran Church stands first in the line of the English Lutheran churches which have been established in the Capital City of the Nation. The importance and the necessity of an English organization engaged the attention of friends of the church of the Reformation for several years before an actual movement in this direction was made. Both among the Germans in the Concordia Church and the friends outside of that organization it was felt that an English church ought to be formed as soon as possible. The

young people were anxious for it, and some of the fathers and mothers entered into deep sympathy with the existing necessities for such a movement. The country was English, the Capital was an English-speaking city, and there must be English-speaking churches, as well as German, in order to meet the demands of the country and the times. The young people, in the progress of the years, in the processes of American citizenship, and in the development and growth of the church, would, of necessity, become English; and, therefore, awake to the situation, and measuring up to the responsibilities which God in his providence put before them, a number of persons presently united in an association preparatory to the organization of an English church. On the 2d of January, 1843, the decisive step was taken. The official record is in the following words :

“We whose names are hereunto written do agree to form ourselves into an association for the purpose of Divine worship and the public profession of christian faith, according to the Doctrines, Discipline, and Formula of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Synod of the State of Maryland and of the General Synod of the same church in the United States of North America—the style and title to be denominated The English Evangelical Lutheran Church of Washington, D. C.”

Forty names appear on the original paper. They are the following, and it would appear that each person signed for himself and his family: H. W. Voss, C. P. Sengstag, Charles Schussler, Charles Utermehle, C. Klopfer, Henry Schultz, David Fowble, John F. Kahl, Benedict Yost, P. A. Erbs, J. Casparis, Wm. Jacobi, Andrew Noerr, J. Jacob Seufferlee, John A. Emmons, Wm. C. Eckloff, Gottfried Eckloff, Grafton Powell, James H. Jones, John E. Scheel, Henry Grieb, Wm. Utermehle, George C. Siebel, A. Gladmon, Cornel Andrae, W. D. Einbrod, J. C. Roemele, John P. Stallings, R. Heit-

müller, Jacob Acker, Charles F. Bihler, Nicholas Acker, Nicholas Funk, Herman Esselbrugge, F. S. Kern, Henry W. Bergman, Nicholas Schneider, F. F. Stuck, John Moore, Wm. R. Woodward. Some of these had been connected with the Concordia Church; others, unaffiliated with that church or any other in the city, united with them in the new movement, and thus inaugurated with hopeful outlook the English Lutheran work of the city.

But very few of the original signers remain. Only three of them, so far as known to the writer, yet remain on the hither side of life; they are F. S. Kern and John E. Scheel, of Washington, and David Fowble, of Westminster, Md. The first death among the founders of the English church was Henry Grieb, a member of the first council. His death was tenderly announced in an official meeting October 9th, 1843, and his christian character and usefulness fitly attested by the unanimous resolution of his brethren at that meeting.

First Meeting Place.

At first the English congregation secured the Odd Fellows' Hall as a place of worship (afterward Todd's Hall, on Pennsylvania Avenue), and services began to be conducted there on the 8th of January, 1843, six days after the initial formation of the Society. At this meeting Rev. Dr. Muller, the first pastor of the English organization, appears in the Church records as having been present as the preacher and pastor. Whence he came, how he was chosen, and under what auspices he was acting as the missionary of the new congregation does not appear in the minutes of that period. After the services were over, a congregational meeting was organized, and a committee of four persons appointed to report to the President of the Synod of Maryland

the fact of the formation of an English congregation, and asking for aid in support of their pastor "for one year." Andrew Noerr, Grafton Powell, Wm. Utermehle, and C. Andrae constituted the committee.

The first lecture ever delivered for the benefit of the new organization was by the Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., of Baltimore, on the 22d of February, 1843, in the Odd Fellows' Hall—subject, "Luther and the Reformation." The complete organization of the church, by the election of a council, took place on Easter Sunday morning, April 15, 1843. The following persons constituted the first council: Andrew Noerr, J. C. Roemmele, Charles F. Bihler, Grafton Powell, J. A. Emmons, Henry Grieb, Cornele Andrae, John P. Stallings, Wm. Utermehle, and John E. Scheel. The organization of the council was as follows: President, Andrew Noerr; Wardens, Henry Grieb and Cornele Andrae; Treasurer, John A. Emmons; and Secretary, Grafton Powell.

As a missionary organization, under the auspices of the Maryland Synod, this congregation was first started. The synodical resolution was offered by Rev. Benjamin Kurtz, D. D., at its session October 15, 1842, and an appropriation made towards its support which should be available as soon as the organization was fully completed and the usual synodical conditions complied with. The organization followed, as already stated, and the work of building up an English Lutheran Church was prosecuted with commendable energy and zeal.

Location.

The question of a suitable site for a church building early engaged the attention of the new congregation. Gen. Van Ness, a citizen of large means, and owner of much real estate in the city, and well known for his generousities and his liberality in promoting benevolent

and religious enterprises, and his deep interest in everything which would benefit the community, was at once thought of as a possible benefactor in the case in hand. Several earnest women of the new society were the first to move in this direction. We regret that we do not have their names given in the old records. To the credit of the women of St. Paul's, their names should have been kept in loving and grateful remembrance. They called on Gen. Van Ness, and submitted their request and plea for the donation of a lot on which to build a church. They were kindly received, and after a friendly conversation, which was favorable to their mission, he expressed a desire to see the pastor in order to confer with him on the subject. At this interview, a few days afterward, he gave his promise that he would presently comply with their wishes, and donate them a lot which should be a prominent and acceptable one. We present a copy of the communication of Gen. Van Ness. It is worthy of this special perpetuation in the history of St. Paul's. The lot which was finally donated and accepted is the one on which the church and parsonage now stand, the southwest corner of Eleventh and H streets Northwest.

The correspondence which took place as to the presentation and acceptance of the church lot was as follows: First, the response of Gen. Van Ness to the parties that had called on him in reference to the donation; and, secondly, the action of the council in their formal acknowledgment. The communication of Gen. Van Ness is as follows:

The Offer of Gen. Van Ness.

WASHINGTON, *May 20, 1843.*

The Rev. A. H. MULLER, D. D.

MY DEAR SIR: Desirous to contribute within my humble sphere, limited as it is, to the success of the

most glorious of all causes, that of our holy faith and doctrines ; and understanding from yourself and others that there are among us abundant materials for the establishment and organization of a respectable English Lutheran congregation ; and that they are anxious for the prompt erection of a house of public worship, of ample dimensions, in a convenient and pleasant part of our city, it gives me great pleasure to offer them gratuitously, through you, respected sir, who are about to assume the pastoral care of the flock, a valuable and beautiful lot of ground, as a site for their interesting purpose. The location in square 227, and the general terms of the donation, are acceptable to such members of your society as have consulted with me about them, and in fact they have substantially suggested them.

I know your charity and kindness will excuse the following remark, which, whilst approved, as I trust it will even be, by such men as yourself, some may perhaps pronounce presumptuous and impertinent.

Whilst you will, as I know from your high character, be devoutly and zealously pursuing, in the holy vineyard, the path marked out by the great founder of your own particular church, I am well convinced that, in your pious career, the great and sacred general principles of religion and morality, whose practice in this world, valuable as it is here in itself, is so influential in constituting a firm foundation of a blessed superstructure in eternity, will always be regarded and inculcated by you with a liberal and solemn devotion to the good of all our fellow creatures of every denomination within the legitimate scope of both your exalted clerical duties, and your private example.

Without going into unnecessary details, I hereby pledge myself to convey the lot referred to above, in trust or otherwise, for the appropriate purpose, as may be indicated and desired by the fathers of your congregation, so soon as such a proportion of the estimated means shall have been obtained for application to the intended work, and such a foundation shall have been laid as to justify a reasonable confidence in its completion. Your friends, sir, approve this general outline ; and *you* shall never reproach me with giving yourself any just cause for exception.

I have the honor of remaining, with great consideration and respect, reverend sir, your friend and humble servant,

JOHN P. VAN NESS.

WASHINGTON, *April 2, 1844.*

By the desire and at the instance of the church council of the English Lutheran Church of the city of Washington, as communicated by the Reverend A. A. Muller and the Reverend Thomas Lapes, lot number eleven, in square three hundred and nineteen, has been substituted, and is accepted in lieu of the lot in square two hundred and twenty-seven (227) above named, which last is released from the pledge.

JOHN P. VAN NESS.

A meeting of the church council was held on the 20th of May, 1843, at which this letter was read. The names of the members present at this meeting are not given in the minutes except that of the mover of the resolution of thanks.

After the reading of the letter, on motion of Mr. C. F. Bihler, it was unanimously resolved that the "thanks of the church council, on behalf of themselves and the congregation they represent, be and are hereby tendered to Gen. J. P. Van Ness for his generous and valuable donation." It was further ordered that the pastor of the congregation, Dr. A. A. Muller, communicate this action to the General, and to express to him "the deep sense of gratitude which the council and congregation feel in relation to this act of disinterested liberality and christian munificence."

In obedience to this action of the council, the following communication was addressed to Gen. Van Ness, accompanied by the resolutions of the meeting:

WASHINGTON, *May 26, 1843.*

To Gen. J. P. VAN NESS.

MY DEAR SIR: I had the pleasure to receive, a few days since, your very polite and friendly communication,

and lost no time in presenting it to the council of the English Lutheran Church of Washington. It affords me no ordinary gratification, respected sir, to transmit to you the annexed extract and resolutions, and I profit by the occasion which confers on me the honor of addressing you to give some expression to those individual feelings of respect and gratitude which your liberality and kindness have excited in my own mind. It is recorded in the early ages of the church that "not many mighty, not many noble, were called"—not that christianity forbade their approach to its standard, but that stations of wealth and worldly honors were, in many instances, unfavorable to that simplicity and truth so indispensable to the best interests of the religion of the Gospel. Let it not be thought, however, that the merciful designs of God in the gift of his Son have any exclusive reference to the poor. The church in her best days received the powerful aid of the rich and the noble, and often in times of persecution and sorrow leaned for support on the arms of kings and princes. When the Saviour of our race was an inhabitant of this world, the rich resorted to him on many occasions to listen to the doctrines and precepts which he taught. Zacchens, the rich publican, joyfully received him into his own home; a nobleman of Capernaum went to beseech Him to come and heal his afflicted servant; and it was Joseph, the distinguished and wealthy Arimathean, who besought Pilate for His body after the crucifixion, that it might be placed in his own sepulchre. If wealth in many instances establishes a power for evil, it very often, under the influence of a divine charity, confers the authority to effect much good. If instances are needed in our own day and in our own country to show what support christianity derives from the wealthy and the liberal, they can be readily pointed out in almost every city and village of our own America. Indeed, sir, our own beautiful metropolis is not without many such memorials of christian liberality; and it will not be difficult for those who shall succeed the present generation to designate those places and objects which even your benevolence, and that of those who have been so happily associated with your name, have consecrated to the purposes of religion and charity. "It is the pre-

rogative of the noblest natures that their departure to higher regions exercises a no less blessed influence than did their abode on earth; like stars by which to steer our course, so often interrupted by storms, that those to whom we turned in life as the beneficent, the helpful, now attract our aspiring glance as the perfected—the blessed.

For the kind manner and the disinterested motives which have characterized your valuable donation to the congregation over whose spiritual interests I have the happiness to preside, be pleased to accept my sincere and unfeigned gratitude and profound respect. I can make you no return equal to the pleasure which the exercise of this benevolent act conveys to your own heart, but I can and will most fervently offer my humble prayer to Almighty God that he would return into your own bosom, and cause you to experience the divine influence of that blessed religion whose offices and character you have so generously sought to advance and recommend; and that it may prove to you a staff of strength in your declining years, a comfort in the hour of your dissolution, and the sure evidence of your final transition to a blessed immortality.

I pray you to accept the assurances of my respect and regard, while I remain your friend and obliged servant.

ALBERT A. MULLER,
*Pastor of the English Lutheran
Congregation, Washington, D. C.*

The new enterprise found many worthy friends outside of the Lutheran name, among whom, in addition to the donor of the lot, must be mentioned the name of Rev. Septimus Tustin, D. D., the assistant pastor of the F street Presbyterian Church and Chaplain of the U. S. Senate. He coöperated with the infant organization in securing the grant of the site of the church from Gen. Van Ness, and with Dr. Samson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, took part in the proceedings of the laying of the corner-stone. Gen. Van Ness was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

During this formative period it must be noted how much the young organization owed to the counsels and active interest of the Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris, of Baltimore ; of Dr. Kurtz, of Dr. Conrad, and others. Dr. Morris' services and counsel were often in demand, and he was always ready and willing to respond to the wishes of the new mission enterprise. He had delivered the first lecture for its benefit on the 22d of February, and now in June of the same year, and after the site was donated, he was called into conference with the church council to receive from him such advice and direction as he might be able to give as to the means and measures necessary for the early and successful prosecution of the erection of a church edifice on the location now secured. It is due to Dr. Morris and to Dr. Conrad to say that among the friends of St. Paul's outside of the city of Washington they were among the foremost in every possible way of helpfulness ; and amidst the lights and shadows of her history for the half century just closed, their names must appear as stars in her firmament forever.

Preparations for the Erection of an Edifice.

One of the first steps taken by the council in preparing the way for a successful advance in the effort to secure a church building as speedily as possible, and to gain the favorable attention of the community, was the presentation of a memorial and plea to "His Excellency, John Tyler, the President of the United States," setting forth the present condition and prospects of the church, and the permanent settlement of a pastor. What the result of this memorial to the President was, does not appear in any subsequent report. That it was a favorable one in securing the sympathy and good will of the administration can not be doubted, for when the

ceremonies of the laying of the corner-stone took place, many officials of the various departments of the Government were present and joined in the offerings that were given on that occasion.

On the 4th of July, 1843, the church council held a meeting at which they passed this resolution :

“In order to effect a speedy collection of money for the erection of a church edifice, be it resolved by the council that fifteen blank books be purchased, and prepared with suitable captions for the purpose of making collections, to be used by the members of the church council, and such other friends as may be found willing to aid in the matter of raising sufficient funds.”

The “caption,” or, rather, form of these subscriptions was as follows :

“It is proposed by the friends and members of the English Lutheran Church to erect in Washington, D C., an edifice for Divine worship according to the faith and discipline of the same. They respectfully call on their friends and fellow-citizens, and the friends of religion, to aid them in this work of public enterprise and christian piety.

“P. S.—Sums subscribed payable in quarterly installments.

“WASHINGTON, *July 4, 1843.*”

These subscription papers, so patriotically dated and so earnestly started out on their financial errands, seem to have been responded to with amounts which would now appear significantly small. The financial ability and resources of the people fell below their earnest desires and the necessities which pressed upon them; and thus the sums subscribed suffer a very unfavorable comparison with the magnitude of the enterprise in hand. With the exception of one subscription of fifty dollars, all the rest ranged from five dollars down to fifty cents. The twenty subscriptions on the paper before us aggre-

gated the sum of only ninety-two dollars—and this in quarterly payments! Probably the other books brought in a better showing ; if not, the money in sight was not of an assuring amount when the work of building began. Various measures, however, were devised at different times to accomplish the purpose which the mission band had undertaken to fulfill; nor were those efforts intermitted until the result was finally attained.

A circular was issued by the church council, dated Washington City, February 27th, 1844, a copy of which was to be sent to every “clergyman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States.” This circular was suggested and inspired by the action of the Maryland Synod at its annual session at Westminster, Carroll County, October 13th, 1843. The synodical action was as follows :

“WHEREAS, the permanent establishment of an English Lutheran Church and congregation in the City of Washington, D. C., the metropolis of our common country, can not fail, under the Divine blessing, to exercise a very happy and desirable influence on the general interests and prosperity of the Lutheran Church in the United States ; and

“WHEREAS, a mission, under the auspices of this Synod, with a view to the accomplishment of such a desirable object, has been there established ; therefore be it

“*Resolved* by this Synod that the said mission and its pastor, Rev. A. A. Muller, D. D., be affectionately commended to the confidence, patronage, and christian liberality of the Lutheran churches of the United States and to the christian public at large.”

With this strong indorsement and approval of the Synod, the church council issued the following circular, with the date afore-mentioned :

“REVEREND SIR : The undersigned members of the church council of the English Lutheran Church of this city, beg leave, respectfully, to address you. They

design, under the blessing of Almighty God, and with the aid of the liberal members of the Lutheran churches in the United States and other christian denominations, to erect in this city, during the present year, a convenient, suitable, and properly-designed church edifice. Towards the accomplishment of this desirable object an eligible and valuable lot of ground has been generously given by Gen. Van Ness, a highly respectable and wealthy citizen of this place, and subscriptions in money, labor, and materials have already been obtained. The prospects for the success of this enterprise are decidedly encouraging, and the church council look with anxious hope and confidence to their more favored brethren for their generous and liberal coöperation in a matter so likely to promote the highest interests of the Lutheran church at large, in the dissemination of those doctrines of the Gospel here, at the metropolis of our common country, for which the first Reformers so ardently and successfully labored. They ask from you the favor to bring the subject, as early as may be convenient, before your council and congregation, and that you would be pleased to take up a collection in aid of this object, and, with such other private subscriptions as may be obtained, forward the names and amount to Mr. Andrew Noerr, President of the church council of the English Lutheran Church, Washington, D. C. The several amounts and names of donors will be duly acknowledged in the *Lutheran Observer*, published at Baltimore."

Signed by church council :

Andrew Noerr, President.
John A. Eimons.
Chas. F. Bihler.
Grafton Powell.
Cornele Andrae.
John C. Roemmele.
Alexander Heitmüller.
David Fowble.

How much success attended this appeal can not now be accurately ascertained, but a number of favorable responses were received, and helpful contributions from different sources encouraged the members of the young

organization to press forward in the work of church erection. The treasurer's book of this period shows among other receipts : Collections in Baltimore, per Dr. Muller, \$350 ; Frederick County, Maryland, \$51 ; Emmitsburg, \$31.43 ; collections from Philadelphia, \$502 ; New York, \$50. Rev. D. J. Hauer's church at Lovettsville, Va., gave a contribution of \$66.88. Many of the collections were made in Western Maryland and the borders of Virginia, by house-to-house visitations of the pastor from Washington. The efforts put forth by the council and pastor were diversified, comprehensive, energetic, and full of toil. Their enterprise, zeal, and patient perseverance in plans and methods deserve to be recorded with special emphasis and approval.

Memorial to the King of Prussia.

On the 1st of August, 1844, at a meeting of the church council, the pastor submitted a memorial, signed by the Mayor of Washington and a number of citizens, to which was attached the seal of the United States with the signature of the Secretary of State, the seal of the corporation of Washington, and signed by the Church Council, to be presented on their behalf to the King of Prussia by the Minister of the United States. This memorial was forwarded to the Prussian King, Wilhelm, the grandfather of the present Emperor of Germany, and in due time honored by the King's response. Whether any financial result came from this Memorial to the King of Prussia, or not, I have not been able to ascertain. The annals of that period are silent on this subject. But an interesting souvenir, and one highly appreciated, remains with our congregation to this day, and connects us with the imperial house of Germany in tender and loving association. It is a silver communion cup, or chalice, sent to the congregation as

a token of kindly interest and good will by the King and Queen of Prussia in 1845. It has now been used at every communion season for almost fifty years. It becomes increasingly sacred and precious to the church with every passing year. Not a communion season occurs in which the pious King and Queen of Prussia, afterward Emperor and Empress of Germany—and long since gone to their repose beyond the royalties of earth—do not come into remembrance in our solemnities in the use of this cup. But it is a use in which the imperialism of human glory is made to offer tribute to the “King of Kings,” and in which the crowns of earthly potentates are forgotten amid the glories of Calvary and the majesty of “that Name which is above every name.”

“Oh, that with yonder sacred throng,
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!”

The cup which is thus in precious possession and use in St. Paul's, and which is so highly valued, not for its intrinsic worth but for the sake of those illustrious ones who gave it, carries the following inscription :

Friederich Wilhelm IV König und Elisabeth Königen von Preussen
der Evangelischen Gemeinde zu St Paul in Washington.
1845.

The Laying of the Corner-stone.

The ceremonies connected with the laying of the corner-stone of St. Paul's Lutheran Church took place on the 12th of June, 1844. The lot originally given for the site of the church was in square 227. Gen Van Ness, at the request of those who thought a different location more desirable for the church, kindly exchanged the site at first given for the one at the corner of Eleventh and H streets N. W., known as lot No. 11 in square 319.

This exchange was gratefully accepted by the church council on the 4th of April, 1844; and on this the building was subsequently erected.

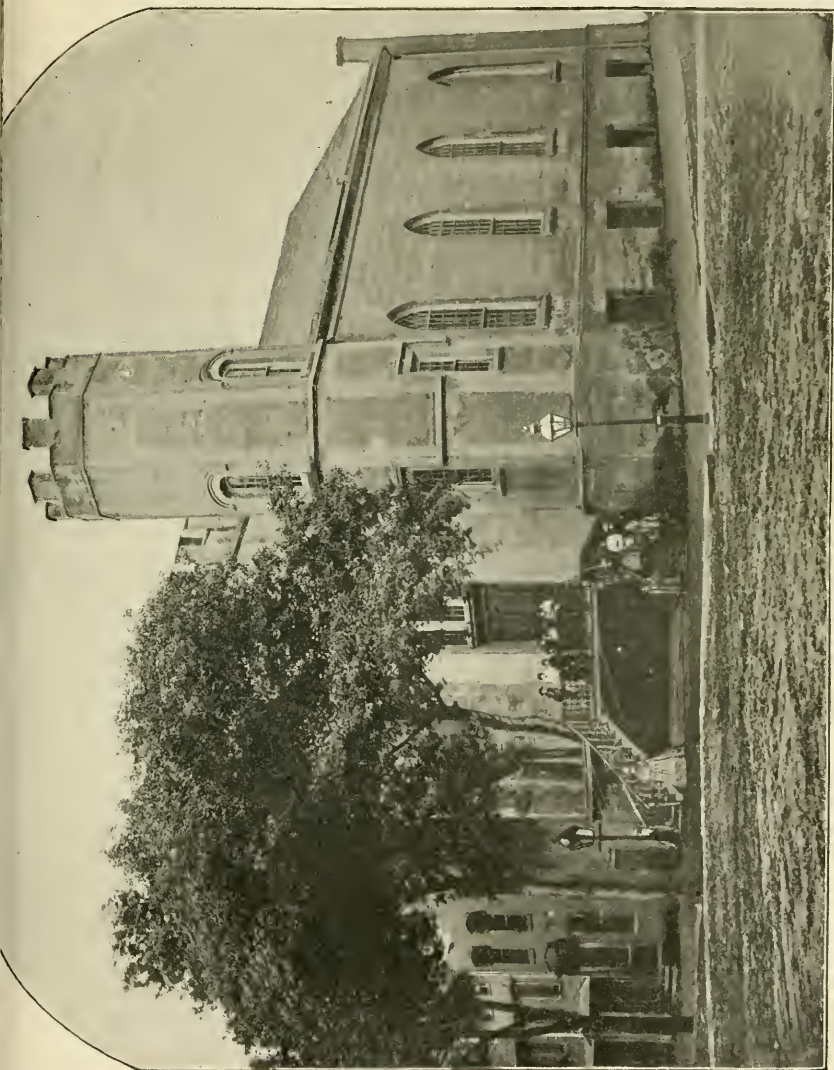
The 18th of June, 1844, was the date fixed for the laying of the corner-stone. From the *National Intelligencer* of that date we have the account of the ceremonies on that occasion. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a procession was formed at the city hall. This consisted of distinguished visitors, clergymen, the church council of St. Paul's congregation, teachers and scholars of the Sunday school, and members and friends of the new congregation. The officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the District of Columbia, in full regalia, assisted by members of subordinate lodges under their jurisdiction and transient brethren, were in attendance. The order of the Sons of Temperance also joined in the procession, and the whole cortegé, preceded by the accomplished and well-trained Marine Band, marched to the corner of Eleventh and H streets, the site appropriated for the church edifice. Among the distinguished individuals in the procession were ex-President John Quincy Adams, and Gen. Van Ness, the friend and patron of the church. A beautiful model of the church, which is of Gothic architecture, was borne in the procession by one of the scholars of the Sunday school. After the arrival of the procession and the immense crowd had gathered on the spot, the pastor of the church, Rev. Dr. Muller, announced from the stand that the 3d chapter of St. Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians would be read by the Rev. William Smith, late of Pittsburg, Pa. Prayer by Rev. Septimus Tustin, chaplain of the U. S. Senate. After the singing of the 494th hymn of the Lutheran Hymn Book by the choir of the Church and vocalists from other churches, the Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris, of Baltimore, in a very able and interesting address, held the multitude in deep and fixed attention.

He was followed by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Kurtz, of Baltimore, who after some very interesting prefatory remarks, proceeded to enumerate the articles, documents, etc., which were to be deposited in the corner-stone. These were—

1st. A parchment scroll containing the following announcement :

“St. Paul's Lutheran Church. The corner-stone was laid in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, on the 12th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1844, and of the Independence of the United States of North America the sixty-eighth (68th), John Tyler being President of the same; W. P. Mangum, President of the Senate; J. W. Jones, Speaker of the House of Representatives; and W. W. Seaton, Mayor of the city. Officers of St. Paul's Church: Rev. A. A. Muller, D. D., Pastor; church council, Andrew Noerr, Cornelius Andrae, John C. Roemmele, Nicholas Funk, and Albert Heitmüller; John Sessford, Secretary. The mission under which this congregation was organized was, on motion of the Rev. Benjamin Kurtz, D. D., unanimously established by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, held at Frederick, October 15th, 1842. Officers of the General Synod of the Lutheran Church in the United States: Rev. John G. Morris, D. D., of Baltimore, President; Rev. Charles A. Smith, Secretary; Dr. D. Gilbert, Treasurer. Officers of the Maryland Synod for 1844: Rev. Ezra Keller, President; Rev. S. Sentman, Secretary; Rev. J. P. Cline, Treasurer; J. G. Bruff, Scripsit.”

2d. A copy of Luther's Bible in the German language. A copy of the Bible in the English language. Copies of Luther's smaller Catechism in English and in German. Lutheran Almanac for 1843, containing a list of the names of the several Lutheran Ministers in the United States. Proceedings of the 42d convention of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States. Copies of the journals



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of the annual session of the Lutheran Synod of Maryland for the years 1842 and 1843. The following religious newspapers connected with the Lutheran Church: *The Observer*, published at Baltimore; *Lutheran Standard*, published at New Philadelphia, Ohio. Newspapers of the city of Washington: *The National Intelligencer*, *Globe*, *Whig*, *Standard*, *Spectator*, *Madisonian*, and the *National Zeitung*. The *Alte and New Welt*, published in Philadelphia.

3d. Coins: The American dollar, half dollar, twenty-five cent piece, ten-cent, five-cent, and one-cent. Prussian coins: Prussian dollar, 1764, Frederick William; other Prussian small copper coins, etc.

4th. A silver plate bearing the following inscription :

“Martin Luther, benefactor of the christain world; born November 10th, 1483, at Eisleben, in Upper Saxony ; died at the same place on the 18th of February, 1546, aged 63 years. Upwards of twenty-seven millions of christians at this period of the world bear his name and profess the faith and doctrines of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. Here I stand; I can not do otherwise. God help me, Amen!”

On the marble slab which covered the recess of the corner-stone was the following inscription, prepared by the church council:

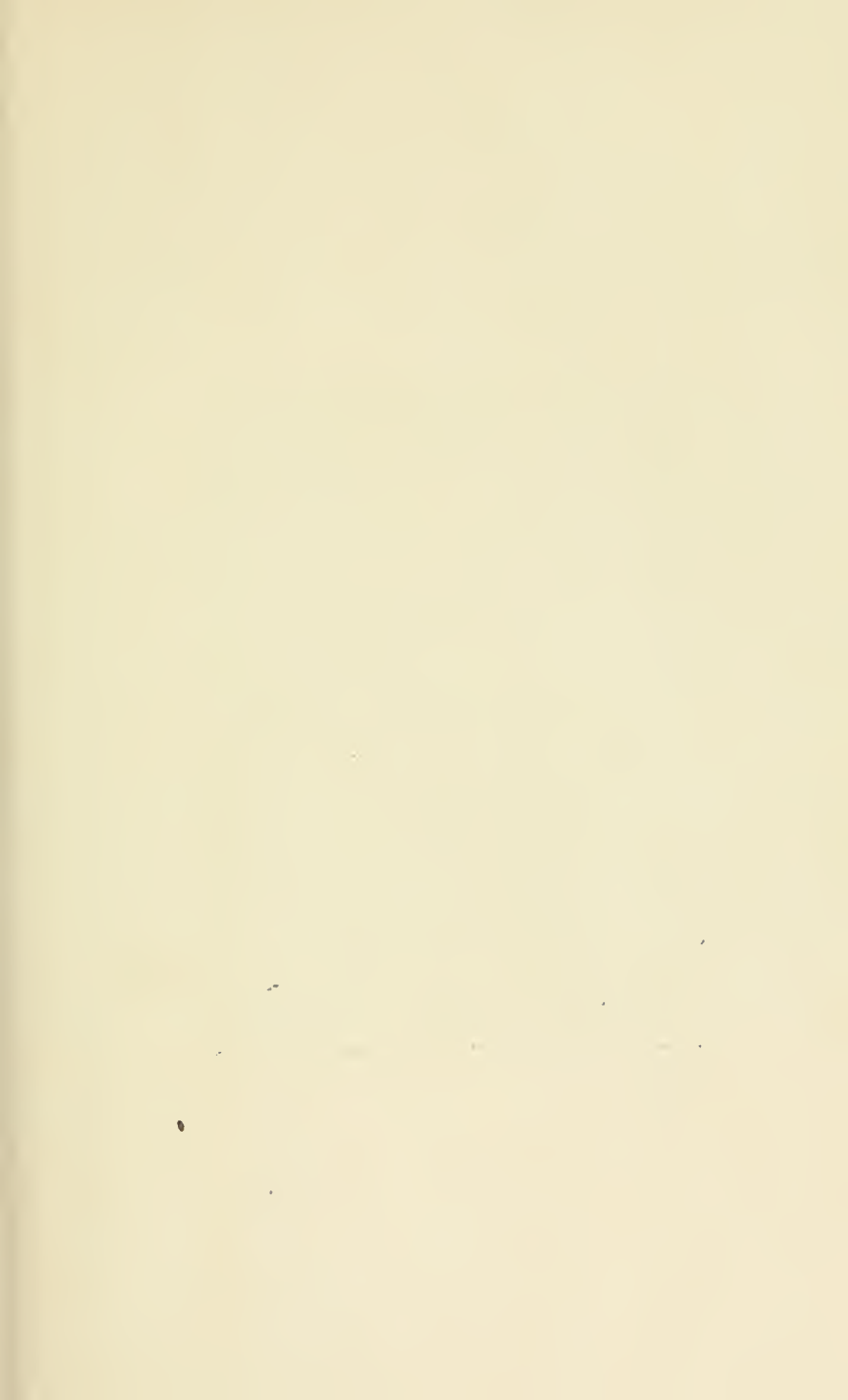
“J. P. Van Næss consecrates this site to the worship of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, June, 1844.”

The stone was laid with the assistance of the ceremonies of the Masonic ritual, a neat and appropriate address was made by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the doxology was announced and read by the Rev. Dr. Samson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Tustin, of the Presbyterian Church.

The general interest shown at the laying of the corner-stone was a matter of great encouragement to the people, who were so anxious to have a temple for English Lutheran services ; but for want of means the completion of the structure was compelled to wait for several years. As soon as possible the basement of the church was finished in modest style and occupied by the Sunday school, and used for preaching services ; but it required almost a year from the time of the laying of the corner-stone until the basement was ready for occupancy. On the 15th of March, 1845, the first service was held. A collection of \$65 is put to the credit of the opening services of that date. No formal opening ceremonies seem to have marked the day, only the transfer of worship from the old hall to the new place, and sermon by the Pastor.

As showing the stress and toil amid which the small congregation were pressing forward, and the struggle which marked every step of the way, the pastor, Dr. Muller, announced to the church council at a meeting two days after they had their first service in the basement, that he intended to visit the North and East about the 1st of July for the purpose of soliciting further aid for the church. That he fulfilled this announcement subsequent reports established, but what the degree of success that attended his efforts we have been unable to ascertain from the meager records at hand. That a heavy debt rested on them when they entered the basement of the church is very clear, and it became painfully manifest in the experience of the subsequent pastor, under whose administration the erection of the building was carried forward to completion.

At the meeting of the Maryland Synod in October, 1843, Dr. Muller reported 11 accessions and a total of 40 communicants ; Sunday School, 6 teachers and 61 scholars. This, therefore, would indicate very nearly the





JOHN E. GRAEFF,

strength of the congregation at the laying of the corner-stone in the following June. The pastoral services of Dr. Muller terminated abruptly in June, 1846, two years after the corner-stone of the church was laid, and a little more than one year after the first service was held in the basement. Of the ministerial acts of the first pastorate a record is given of 38 infant baptisms, 22 marriages, and 13 deaths. No record of accessions, except that which is found in the synodical minutes. By a sad forfeiture of the confidence of the young church, just starting into life, Dr. Muller closed his pastorate in gloom. His subsequent career passed into the silence of the years. Whether still living, or long since dead, no one has been found who could tell us the story.

Rev. J. E. Graeff, Second Pastor.

November 23, 1846—July 2, 1849.

The Rev. J. E. Graeff, a young man who had just completed his course at the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, was called to the pastorate of St. Paul's on the 23d of November, 1846. The church council, at whose instance he became pastor, and whose sterling qualities and heroic devotion to the church at this critical period the young preacher soon discovered, and by whose helpful and self-sacrificing efforts the work of restoring confidence among the people, and of completing the church edifice, which was in use in its unattractive and only half-finished condition, consisted of the following persons: A Noerr, John Roemmele, John Myers, Paul Kinchy, Nicholas Snyder, and John Moore. Mr. Graeff entered upon his work with all the energy and enthusiasm of his fervent young manhood. But he found the difficulties and discouragements which confronted him in the sharp crisis of the new enterprise

many and great. Only a small band of loyal souls remained; the reputation of the church had sustained serious damage in consequence of recent occurrences; a small salary, which compelled the greatest possible economy on the part of the pastor; a heavy debt on the church, with a people financially too feeble to carry it, or to cancel it; and thus confronted and environed, Mr. Graeff began his ministry in Washington.

Mr. Graeff and his church council had, first of all, to look after the debts that were hanging over them, and to provide for the current expenses of the church. The settees in the church had not even been paid for, and to avoid having them sold by the sheriff the members of the council not only made themselves personally responsible for the amount, but subsequently paid the debt themselves. The Maryland Synod appropriated \$150 toward the support of the missionary pastor, but even with this sum added to the small revenues of the congregation, the pastor's support was distressingly meager. There was also presented the imperative necessity for the completion of the audience room and upper part of the church building. Not much prosperity could be expected—not much enlargement, no position of much influence in the city—without a completed church building, and such accommodations as were so absolutely necessary. What was to be done?

On the 12th of April, 1847, a committee was appointed to report at the next meeting the estimated cost to finish the interior of the upper room; and at the same time a resolution was passed that the council proceed as speedily as possible to raise funds in the church and the community at large for the completion of the church, "subscriptions to be paid in one year in quarterly installments." Money enough for this undertaking, however, could not be raised at home; and realizing the importance and necessity of having the

church finished throughout, it was determined to have the pulpit supplied for such time as might be necessary, and that the pastor become the collecting agent for the congregation in churches abroad. To this self-denying and toilsome work he gave himself for weary months among the country churches of Maryland and Pennsylvania. His patient and earnest work was crowned with great success; a success very remarkable, indeed, when considered in relation to the times and circumstances under which the brave endeavor was made; a success which demonstrated, at the same time, the ability, fidelity, industry, and popularity of the young pastor of the mission church in Washington. He succeeded in collecting about \$2,000 toward the building fund. Diligently and perseveringly the work was carried forward until the hopes and prayers and exertions of years came into joyous fruition.

On Sunday, October 1, 1848, St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, of Washington, was dedicated to the service of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ. There were present on the occasion Rev. Messrs. J. G. Morris, of Baltimore; F. W. Conrad, of Hagerstown; C. P. Krauth, of Winchester; Rev. Mr. Finckle, of the Concordia Church; and Rev. Mr. Biewend, of the Georgetown Lutheran Church. Five or six ministers of other denominations were also present, and manifested a lively and brotherly interest in the solemnities. The *Lutheran Observer* of that date gives the following account. Drs. Morris, Conrad, and Krauth were the officiating ministers:

“Although the weather was unfavorable, yet the house was thronged with people, showing that a deep interest is felt in the enterprise by the inhabitants of Washington. About \$1,100 were collected, which is said to be the largest collection ever taken up on a similar occasion in the District of Columbia. James K. Polk, the Presi-

dent of the United States, with his wife and household; Mr. Buchanan, the Secretary of State, and many other high officers of the State, War, and Navy Departments, were present. The exercises were rendered interesting and impressive by the performance of a well-trained choir, which during the day rendered six of the finest anthems. The church is finished in beautiful style. The ceiling and sides are ornamented with fresco painting corresponding with the Gothic style of architecture, and the pulpit end is almost entirely occupied with a grand perspective view of the interior of a Gothic church, which is admirably executed. From the door the illusion is perfect, and the spectator can hardly convince himself that he is not entering a church five times as large as this is, for he seems to be looking down a long-drawn aisle, extending far beyond the pulpit. For the satisfaction of the numerous friends of this enterprise so strangely begun, for a while so inauspiciously conducted, and at one time apparently so ingloriously given up, I would state that we can thank God and take courage. Clouds and darkness rested upon it, but by God's blessing they have been dispelled. All apprehensions are removed, and the present pastor, Rev. Mr. Graeff, sees a promising future before him. The members of the church deserve much credit for persevering in their undertaking amid the distressing discouragements which encompassed them before Mr. Graeff took charge of the church. All things now look well, and we may consider the enterprise as no longer an experiment, but an established fact.

"Many of our people have long felt concerned about having an English Lutheran Church in the metropolis of the land, and will be glad to hear that their wishes have been gratified, and that their contributions to Mr. Graeff for the benefit of the church have been faithfully and economically applied. The dedication was a day long to be remembered by the congregation. New life has been infused into them—a new impulse has been given them. They now see that they have more friends than they before knew, and they have been sent on their way rejoicing by the liberal contributions cheerfully given."

The pastorate of Rev. Mr. Graeff, now so hopefully advancing, was destined to a speedy termination after the achievement of the completion of the church. Overwork, with anxiety and care, to bring about the result which culminated so gloriously on the day of dedication, broke down his health, and he was compelled to resign the pastorate on the 2d of July, 1849. He became himself the sacrifice on the altar of the church that she might live. It was his first and only charge. Regretfully and sadly the council accepted the resignation of their faithful and popular young pastor, just when they saw before them the open door of coming prosperity and growth. Strange and wonderful are the methods of Divine grace and wisdom. We are led in ways that can not be known in advance. For a period of nearly fifty years afterward Mr. Graeff has been permitted to give his consecrated life to the uses of the Lord's Kingdom along other lines of activity; and at the jubilee of the church to which he had given the morning of his young manhood, he is again seen and heard, to the delight of a multitude which gathered in celebration of the work at whose foundations he had toiled so bravely and so blessedly. Not quite three years in the pastoral work ! and yet what infinite distances of good and of power start from those three intensive years of prayer and toil !

“ 'Tis not a case of small import
The pastor's care demands ;
But what might fill an angel's heart,
And fill'd a Saviour's hands.”

Rev. J. G. Butler, Third Pastor.*1849—1873.*

On the 2d of July, 1849, the resignation of Mr. Graeff was accepted at a regular meeting of the church council; and at this same meeting the name of J. G. Butler, a student at the seminary, was presented as a suitable candidate to succeed the retiring pastor. Mr. Graeff was instructed to write at once to Mr. Butler and invite him to visit the congregation with a view to the pastorate. The election of Mr. Butler by a unanimous vote of the council took place on the 16th of July, 1849. The secretary was instructed to notify him of his election, and that he should have a salary of \$400, with the promise of a larger salary "in case the congregation should increase." Mr. Butler accepted the call with its stipulations, and soon entered on the discharge of ministerial and pastoral work in St. Paul's, where he continued in faithful and successful labors for the period of almost 24 years.

The first communion and confirmation services held by Mr. Butler bear the date of November 25th, 1849. First baptism, same date; first marriage, February 28th, 1850; first funeral, August 29th, 1850. Another debt problem was also among the first facts of the new pastorate. A balance of \$1,500 remained after the dedication. An early effort was made to provide for its liquidation in some way, or to change its form. To cancel immediately was impossible. To negotiate a loan was next in order. But fifty years ago money was not so readily obtained in loans as now. Accordingly, the church council note a discouraging failure in the effort made in this direction. At their session October 3d, 1849, they place on record the following statement: "The notes which were drawn for the purpose of procur-



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ing money to pay the old debts of this church were returned and destroyed after finding it impossible to procure the money." But by the extension of credits, judicious management, and diligent efforts in collections, the debt was not allowed to hinder the onward movement of the church under the ministry of the young man who had just entered his first pastorate. Still it was a trying time for all concerned. A series of misfortunes which had left the church seriously in debt, with but a "handful" of people to meet the financial questions of self-support and the liquidation of impending liabilities, presented an unpromising situation in the new departure. For a number of years there was a struggle for life. Life gained the victory at last.

Rev. J. G. Butler was licensed by the Maryland Synod in October, 1849, after he had already commenced his labors in Washington. His continuous pastorate of so many years afterward is the proof of his ability and success in grappling with the difficulties which encompassed the church in those early days. During the pastorate of Dr. Butler the congregation gradually advanced to strength and influence from year to year. Prominent men in official life, and especially during the war for the Union, gathered around the pastor, and worshiped with the Lutheran people. His unambiguous position and utterances on the great questions which entered into the stern arbitrament of that great conflict as a decided Union man, brought many strangers to his services and gained many friends to the church. Hon. Schuyler Colfax, Vice-President of the United States, General Ekin and other officers of the Army, as well as members of Congress, attended services, and encouraged the pastor and church with their presence and favor. Many excellent men and women constituted the growing membership; various improvements were made in the church; a three-story brick parsonage was built by the

side of the church, and the general benevolence of the congregation greatly improved.

Rev. Mr. Butler served as pastor of St. Paul's until April 1st, 1873, his resignation having been made effective at this date with pay until July 1st, 1873. His pastorate consequently covered a period of almost twenty-four years. Some seven years before his pastorate in St. Paul's closed, and in the nineteenth year of his pastorate, the movement for the establishment of another church, the Memorial, was inaugurated. In March, 1866, the lot on which that church was afterward built was purchased by the people of St. Paul's for \$8,000. A memorial chapel was erected presently, and, to a great extent, by the people of St. Paul's, which was dedicated on Sunday, July 5th, 1868. The following Sabbath a school was organized under a corps of officers and teachers, largely from St. Paul's Church, with an enrollment of 258. Preaching services were soon commenced in the new chapel, and from 1868 to the organization of the memorial congregation in 1873, with the aid of associate Pastors, Dr. Butler had charge of both the old and new organizations. When the corner-stone of the Memorial Church was laid, October 31st, 1870, the Pastor reported that "the cash-book shows that nearly \$30,000 have been paid into our treasury, largely from the people of St. Paul's Church, but embracing contributions from all parts of the country."

Seventeen years, therefore, Dr. Butler was pastor of St. Paul's exclusively, and then seven years more in conjunction with the incipient movements which led to the final organization of the Memorial Church, having in the meantime three associate Pastors successively, and thus making his whole pastorate at St. Paul's, including the seven years of preparatory work at Memorial, about 24 years. During Dr. Butler's pastorate there were added to the church 327 members; infant

baptisms, 234; marriages, 244; and funerals, 31. Amount of money collected and disbursed for church debts, improvements, and the building of Memorial, probably about \$50,000. The associate pastors from 1868 to the close of Dr. Butler's pastorate in St. Paul's were the Revs. H. S. Cook, H. C. Grossman, W. E. Parson, and H. B. Belmer. The last became his successor in St. Paul's.

The Church of the Reformation, on Capitol Hill, was started during Dr. Butler's pastorate, about a year after the Memorial Chapel began its Sunday school and preaching services. From the *National Republican* of January 11th, 1869, the following item is taken: "Some unoccupied barracks on Capitol Hill have been purchased by the English Lutheran Church, Rev. Mr. Butler, pastor, for the purpose of building a Missionary chapel." The same paper of April 25th, 1869, says: "The chapel to be occupied by a new Lutheran mission has been established by the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. They expect to occupy the new place of worship about the first week of May." This enterprise started in the parlor Sunday school of Mrs. Morrell, then a member of St. Paul's. The congregation is now large and flourishing, under the pastorate of Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D., who was at the time of its origin associate pastor with Dr. Butler at St. Paul's.

Rev. H. B. Belmer, Fourth Pastor.

January 1st, 1873—October 1st, 1874.

Rev. H. B. Belmer was invited by Dr. Butler to become associate pastor in December, 1872, to assist in carrying forward the work that was to be done in two localities in the old church and also in the Memorial chapel which had already been built. Rev. Mr. Belmer

had been in a mission field in Kansas, and his experience and service as a missionary in the West brought him to the attention and favor of the pastor of St. Paul's, whose double duties now demanded an efficient co-worker with him. Mr. Belmer labored as an associate pastor with Dr. Butler until January 1st, 1873, when he was chosen the regular pastor of St. Paul's, successor of Dr. Butler, who resigned in order to take complete and exclusive charge of the Memorial Church. During Mr. Belmer's pastorate the final separation took place, the Memorial colony going out from St. Paul's to establish the new organization which had been in formative processes from 1868, when preaching services and the Sunday school had been started in the chapel.

Rev. Mr. Belmer's paper is submitted as giving a very suggestive representation of this period, and the crisis through which St. Paul's had to pass, when the Memorial Church was passing onward into establishment.

Rev. S. Domer, D. D., Fifth Pastor.

November, 1874.

Rev. Mr. Belmer was followed by the present pastor, in November, 1874, the fifth in the succession of pastors since the church was organized, fifty years ago. Of the five pastors who have served this congregation only one has yet been numbered with the dead—the first one. The second and the fifth, in aggregate services, have filled 43 years of the 50 which have gone into the life and history of the congregation—Dr. Butler 24 years, and the present pastor almost 19 years. Of the four pastors still living, Revs. Graeff and Butler were students of the Gettysburg College and Seminary; Revs. Belmer and Domer, of Wittenberg College, Ohio. The latter, however, after his graduation at Wittenberg, entered

the theological seminary at Gettysburg, and studied in that institution when Dr. S. S. Schnucker and Dr. C. P. Krauth were still professors there, distinguished and honored in life, their names held in honor throughout the churches since they have passed away.

Rev. Mr. Domer came to Washington from Trinity Church, Shamokin, Pa., having previously served in the pastorate of the English Lutheran Church of Selinsgrove, Pa. and St. Matthew's, of Reading, Pa. He has not lost a Sunday on account of ill health for twenty years, and has not missed a communion season nor anniversary occasion of any sort since he came to Washington. His personal review will be found further on.

An Outline of Church Expansion and Extension

is submitted—an evolution and growth which necessarily connect themselves with the history of Dr. Domer's pastorate at the close of this semi-centennial period.

In the summer of 1874 the lecture and Sunday-school room underwent renovation and improvement. This was done at the close of Rev. Mr. Belmer's pastorate. It contributed much to the comfort and convenience of the Sunday-school and prayer-meeting associations.

At a joint meeting of council, congregation, and ladies' aid society, held August 16, 1877, in the third year of the present pastorate, the necessity for improving the audience room of the church was considered and acted upon by the appointment of a joint committee of the council and the ladies' aid society.

The work was speedily commenced and vigorously prosecuted. The re-opening services were held on Sunday, November 25, 1877. Dr. Conrad, of Philadelphia, preached the sermon. The improvements made con-

sisted of refrescoing the walls and ceiling, repainting pews, carpeting and refurnishing the pulpit and the chancel, the substitution of stained glass windows, and the construction of a stairway from the basement to the pulpit. The cost of this improvement was \$1,040. Only \$400 remained to be provided for on the day of re-opening. When the subject was presented to the congregation the people contributed \$800—\$400 more than the balance needed.

The next improvement made was in 1881, at a cost of \$3,712.73. At this time the outside of the building was remodeled and transformed in appearance. The towers were finished, the walls resurfaced with artificial stone, the old outside steps were taken away, a new front and vestibule entrance erected, and an iron fence put around the entire church property. The formal re-opening on this occasion took place on the 4th of December, 1881. Dr. Conrad and Dr. Morris were both present on this occasion, the former preaching in the morning, the latter at night.

Of the amount of money required to pay for the improvements now made, and which were pronounced the best that had ever been made since the dedication of the church in 1848, the Sunday school furnished \$1,000, and the Ladies' Aid Society assumed the cost of the iron fence, \$320.

Special commendatory action was taken by the council in recognition of the generous aid given by the Sunday school and the Ladies' Aid Society. The Sunday school then had only an average attendance of 150, and a total enrollment of 258 during the year of 1881.

The most costly improvement made in the church since its dedication, exceeding that of 1881 by \$6,000, was started and completed in 1888. This consisted in the entire remodeling of the audience room of the church—new pews, new pulpit, new chancel, new

carpets, new reflecting chandeliers, new pipe organ, new organ and choir platform, new gallery, new frescoring, and new roof on the building. These improvements cost, including the new organ and taxes on parsonage, the sum of \$8,951.48.

Mrs. Ann T. Clary gave the church a generous donation of \$2,000 toward payment for the organ, which was received by the council in grateful resolutions at one of their regular sessions.

The architect, Mr. J. G. Meyers, in addition to his personal contributions, gave his time and services to the improvement without any charges.

The liabilities incurred in this last improvement have been met, and now St. Paul's is entirely free from debt, a condition of things never before enjoyed in the history of the organization.

The re-opening services took place December 2, 1888, in charge of the pastor. Rev. W. H. Gotwald preached in the morning, and the pastor at night.

The latest improvement made was in the lecture and Sunday-school rooms in the basement of the church—metallic ceiling, new carpets, additional sittings, and remodeling of the room of the primary department. This improvement has added greatly to the convenience and comfort of all the departments of the school, as well as of the other uses to which the lecture room is given.

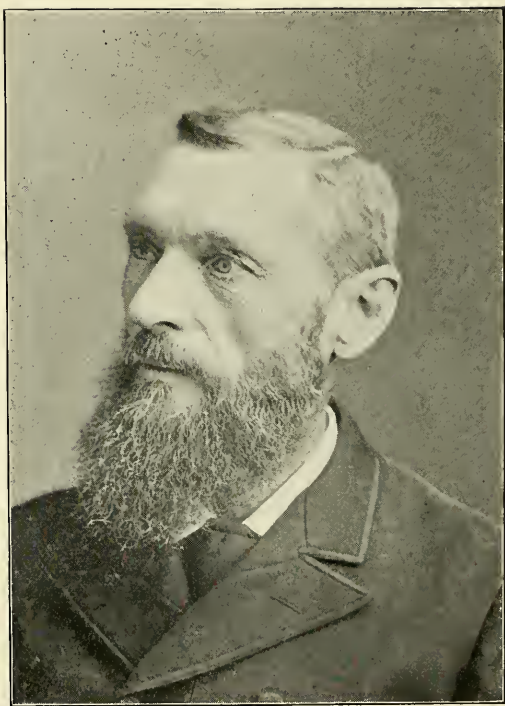
It will thus be seen that the people of St. Paul's have not been wanting in their generousities whenever the temporalities of the congregation have demanded their attention. And never have they failed to meet the regular synodical apportionments for benevolence since the system of apportionments has been adopted by our synods. The congregation has gained a reputation for liberality and generosity, and deservedly so.

Church Expansion.

St. Paul's is properly named the Mother Church of English Lutheranism in this city. As such she claims three daughters, the Memorial Church, the Church of the Reformation, and St. Mark's. Her granddaughters are Zion's Church, the Church of Our Redeemer, and the Keller Memorial.

The purchase of the memorial lot by St. Paul's in March, 1866, properly dates the beginning of that enterprise; the dedication of the Memorial Chapel, July 5th, 1868, the next decisive step in this movement; the organization of the Sunday school on Sunday following, and the commencement of regular preaching in that chapel, another decisive step in the same direction, and the actual birth of the congregation. A colony of 48 members from St. Paul's united in the formal organization in April, 1873, and as many more during the rest of the year, so that 80 or 100 of St. Paul's had been transferred, and a large part of the Sunday school incorporated with the new church as a result of preparatory work during the preceding five years.

The Church of the Reformation, another daughter of St. Paul's, and now one of the most flourishing of our churches, is younger than the Memorial, if we date both from their chapel origin. The chapel of this mission, constructed of the material of some unoccupied wooden barracks purchased for this purpose, was used as a place of worship in May, 1869, one year later than the dedication of the Memorial Chapel and the organization of the Sunday school there. A small band at first met in the parlor of Mrs. Lucille Morrell, a member of St. Paul's, and organized the little Sunday school out of which has grown the Church of the Reformation. The church was organized in 1870.



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In 1881 the old frame building was abandoned, and the new location on Pennsylvania avenue and Second street southeast became the place of worship, and the starting point of a new prosperity and growth. The beginnings of this congregation were indeed very small; but patient and persevering toilers were in that movement, and under the efficient leadership of Dr. Parson, their pastor, great prosperity has crowned their efforts.

Mrs. Utermehle, formerly a member of St. Paul's, and a most helpful and faithful member of the new church, one who will always be remembered for her unassuming piety and large generousities there, has but recently passed away from the church she had served so long and so faithfully, and has "entered into the rest that remains for the people of God."

Comparing the present strength and prosperity of this church with the smallness of its beginnings a few years ago, the success that has crowned the work is very remarkable, and an abiding cause of thanksgiving to God for the benedictions that have followed the labors of his servants along the years.

St. Mark's Church, South Washington, Rev. Dr. W. H. Gotwald, pastor, is the third and youngest daughter of St. Paul's. This mission started as a Sunday school in Blake's Hall on Seventh street, June 12th, 1887. On the 21st of June, 1889, eight members of St. Paul's Church, at their request, dated the 17th inst., received honorable dismissal to "unite with and assist in the organization of a new congregation to be known as St. Mark's Lutheran Church of South Washington" (only 15 members in the first organization). Several others were subsequently dismissed to join those who had inaugurated the new enterprise, and from this small beginning a promising church is growing up in that section of the city. Although still a mission, yet the prospect is fair for a self-sustaining church in a few

years more. A neat church building has been erected, and they worship in a very neat, comfortable, and well-furnished audience room. The energy, zeal, and self-sacrifice which has characterized this movement thus far, must command highest consideration; and in their struggle to gain independence and self-support they deserve the sympathy and favor of our churches in the city. They have an enrollment of 85 members.

In closing this part of our sketch we may be allowed to repeat what was said in our Pastoral Letter a few weeks ago, because the issue is coming, and we must be thinking about it:

“ St. Paul's begins to be conscious of new necessities. We need larger accommodations. The Sunday school is asking for more room, and needs further equipment for prospective growth and power. The congregation needs more pews, and therefore more space in order to supply the demand for permanent family sittings. The impossibility of affording these fixed family accommodations is a serious hindrance to our growth, and unfavorably affects attendance at the church services. We ought to have room not only for the families already associated with us, but pews, also, for others, who would come and worship with us if we could give them not *individual*, but *family*, sittings. They want pews. What shall be done? Perhaps a solution may be found by and by, either in the sale of the present property, which has become very valuable, and location elsewhere; or perhaps in an effort to rebuild in larger form on the present site, as soon as we shall find such financial ability and generosity as may justify the new departure. In the meantime, we must do the best we can with our limited accommodations, as we have been doing in the past, and hopefully wait ‘and watch for the morning.’ ”

**Accessions to the Church by Transfers, Confirmations,
and Baptisms during the Semi-Centennial Year.**

Mrs. W. Wallace Souders, 3044 P street northwest.
Mrs. Sarah A. Barrick, 505 12th street northwest.
Mrs. Ida Rott, 1006 6th street northwest.
Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, K, near 7th street northwest.
Katie Thomas, K, near 7th street northwest.
Henrietta P. Wessberg, 1520 20th street northwest.
Sophia Gustafs, 1610 12th street northwest.
Bertha Luders, 2210 12th street northwest.
Nettie Seitz, 8th street northwest.
Lee Pitchlyn, 6th, near L street northwest.
Clara Ruth, 503 13th street northwest.
Ferd. T. Schneider, 1322 Vermont avenue.
J. Will. Lawrenson, 452 P street northwest.
H. C. Metzgar, 410 7th street southeast.
George Kahlert, 1742 6th street northwest.
Harry Johnson, 925 N street northwest.
Freddie Rott, 1006 6th street northwest.
E. Gummel, Prospect street northwest.
Charles Gummel, Prospect street northwest.
Willie Gottherdt, Prospect street northwest.
Harry Crouse, 1223 New York avenue.
Mabel Griffiths, 947 Massachusetts avenue N. W.
Elizabeth A. Gibbs, 1111 Rhode Island avenue.
Bertie Reichenbach, 1003 8th street northwest.
Lena Stokes, 717 K street northwest.
Ruby Clarkson, 1238 5th street northwest.
Blanche Pendel, 304 M street northwest.
Dora Luders, 2210 12th street northwest.
Ernest A. Fox, 207 G street northeast.
Mrs. Helen Fox, 207 G street northeast.
Lulla Fox, 207 G street northeast.
Bertie M. Fox, 207 G street northeast.

Mrs. Carrie S. Lang, cor. of Pa. ave. and 34th st. N. W.
Daniel N. Klapp, 59 New York avenue.
Mrs. Blanche E. Stewart, cor. 6th and D streets N. W.
Ethelbert St. Yates, Georgetown University.
Mrs. L. A. Hester, 1017 8th street northwest.
William E. Krause, 732 11th street northwest.
Mrs. Lila L. Krause, 732 11th street northwest.
John H. Platt, 814 6th street.
Mrs. Clara Fagan Platt, 814 6th street.
P. M. Richardson, Grant Place.
Mrs. Anna O. Richardson, Grant Place.
Lillian E. Gunsalus, 934 P street.
Mrs. Elizabeth Reiss, 547 6th street.
Mrs. L. H. Middlekanff, H street between 4th and 5th.
George L. Anderson 632 G street.
Mrs. Cora B. Anderson, 632 G street.
Charles Stickel, 412 New York avenue.

July 2, 1893.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Eckhardt, 1140 18th street.
Miss Amy Eckhardt, 1140 18th street.
Mr. Freddie Eckhardt, 1140 18th street.
Mr. Nicholas Eckhardt, Jr., 1140 18th street.

CONFIRMATIONS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Ferd. T. Schneider.
Harry C. Metzgar.
G. Kahlert.
Harry Johnson.
Willie Gottherdt.
Harry Krause.
Mabel Griffiths.
Elizabeth A. Gibbs.
Bertie Reichenbach.
Lena Stokes.
Ruby Clarkson.

Blanche Pendel.

Dora Luders.

Eva M. Betz, 807 O street.

Louie D. Leeds, 1314 6th street.

Ottilia Miller, 603 H street.

Selma L. Spelshouse, 1028 7th street.

Blanche Carson, 709 4th street northeast.

Eva N. Stalker, Oxford Hotel.

Lula Kahlert, 1742 6th street.

Ellen McCormick, 913 Virginia avenue southwest.

Marriages.

Henry J. Heinemann and Emily H. Poehler, January 6, 1892.

Harry E. Ruprecht and Laura J. Hoffman, January 6, 1892.

Julius A. Hobson and Lelia W. Haskins, January 20, 1892.

James R. Taylor and Margaret Roots, January 28, 1892.

August H. Plugge and Marie D. Campbell, January 28, 1892.

Frank Deutermann and Katie Kahlert, February 24, 1892.

Clarence A. Cramp and Exie A. Kemp, February 25, 1892.

Louis A. Schmid and Eva E. Johnson, March 1, 1892.

William Allen and Louisa Haberle, March 1, 1892.

Edward H. Koss and Minnie J. Koss, March 24, 1892.

Lee Burch and Mittie E. Lee, April 2, 1892.

Howard W. Walton and Miriam Meals, April 16, 1892.

Christian Hansen and Wilhelmina Madsen, June 5, 1892.

William McKay and Henrika Wessburg, June 6, 1892.

George Stauff and Rosine Steiwer, June 15, 1892.

- Annibali Giovannoni and Clia Giovannoni, June 16, 1892.
- Ernst Louis Esellhorst and Mary J. Bateman, June 22, 1892.
- George H. Yeager and Rodie Pranke, September 13, 1892.
- J. Granville Meyers and Minnie M. Seitz, September 13, 1892.
- Benjamin Carrigo and Regina Guinevan, September 28, 1892.
- Frank Roberts and Nettie Kossack, September 28, 1892.
- J. Paul Smith and Mary A. Parker, October 5, 1892.
- Maurice Nellis and Louise M. Watson, October 10, 1892.
- Edward E. Baer and Edith E. Meyer, October 18, 1892.
- Owen R. Wixom and Mary V. Hart, October 22, 1892.
- Koppel Newman and E. V. Frame Snell, October 22, 1892.
- Lyndon W. H. Howard and Martha E. M. Working, October 25, 1892.
- Ernest Vansickler and Maggie E. Miller, November 16, 1892.
- William H. Shipley and Nellie M. Sprague, November 30, 1892.
- Charles Henry Deetz and Clarrissa Hannah Wilson, December 7, 1892.
- Maurice J. Soule and Clara E. Gruenke, Jan. 18, 1893.
- C. E. Kendrick and M. A. Killian, January 25, 1893.
- James Waters and Agnes Fable, February 2, 1893.
- Alfred W. Greely and Henrietta F. Pease, Feb. 8, 1893.
- Robert Wilkerson and Naomi Rhoades, March 15, 1893.
- Albert L. Johnson and Bertha Bartels, March 15, 1893.
- John S. Hebbard and Carrie J. Kessler, April 5, 1893.
- Louis L. Barton and Florence Jones, May 11, 1893.
- George W. Moore and Keziah Courtney, May 31, 1893.

Baptisms of Children in 1892.

Florence Clewella Meyers—Born February 21, 1891; baptized February 22, 1892. Parents: Louis and Nettie Meyers.

Catharine Faith Hermann—Born October 13, 1891; baptized February 28, 1892. Parents: John P. and Margaret Hermann.

Frederick Thomas Gardner Grenfell—Born October 16; baptized February 28, 1892. Parents: Dr. Frederick and Lucretia Grenfell.

Lulu Maggie Tayman—Born August 1, 1887, and James Edward Tayman, born May 23, 1891; baptized March, 1, 1892. Parents: James and Katie Tayman.

Frances Elizabeth Schmid—Born September 30, 1891; baptized March 1, 1892. Parents: Frank and Henrietta Schmid.

Edna Marguerite Ewald—Born September 18, 1891; baptized March 6, 1892. Parents: H. C. and Rosie Ewald.

Florence May Shull—Born November 21, 1891; baptized March 6, 1892. Parents: Emanuel G. and Annie R. Shull.

Burton Harrison Schoepf—Born January 25, 1891; baptized April 16, 1892. Parents: Joseph and Carrie Schoepf.

George Henry Schwab—Born October 18, 1891; baptized May 28, 1892. Parents: Frederick S. and Mary M. Schwab.

Harry Gladstone Corcoran—Born November 29, 1891; baptized June 5, 1892. Parents: E. B. and Annie Corcoran.

Josephine Caroline Smith—Born November 23, 1891; baptized April 25, 1892. Parents: James B. and Marie Smith.

Ida May Keenan—Born December 10, 1891; baptized May 10, 1892. Parents: J. H. and Ellenora Keenan.

Morton Ray Weigle—Born February 7, 1891; baptized May 8, 1892. Parents: J. Albert and Rosa E. Weigle.

Lena Margaret Boyce—Born December 19, 1891; baptized June 5, 1892. Parents: John A. and Annie Boyce.

Ruth Mary Kern—Born December 28, 1890; baptized June 19, 1892, "Children's Day." Parents: Edward and Kate Kern.

Edmund Domer Rheem—Born February 6, 1891; baptized June 19, 1892, "Children's Day." Parents: Clarence and Eulalie Domer Rheem.

Edith May Ramsey—Born May 16, 1892; baptized September 18, 1892. Parents: William and Henrietta E. Ramsey.

Annie Louise Clifford—Born July 27, 1892; baptized September 25, 1892. Parents: Jeremiah and Louise Clifford.

Marguerite Eliza Eberly—Born November 7, 1891; baptized October 2, 1892. Parents: A. F. and Mary Eberly.

John Jacob Preston Smith and William Henry Kenard Smith—Born September 6, 1892; baptized October 14, 1892. Parents: William C. and Sarah M. Smith.

Louise Clarence Schmid—Born July 31, 1892; baptized October 23, 1892. Parents: Edwin S. and Elizabeth Schmid.

John Bernard Hermann—Born September 9, 1892; baptized November 23, 1892. Parents: Bernard and Mary Hermann.

Ruth Frances Feldman—Born October 21, 1892; baptized December 4, 1892. Parents: Frederick W. and Antonia Feldman.

Grace Ward Brookes Meyers—Born August 26, 1892; baptized December 26, 1892. Parents: Charles and Claudine Brookes Meyers.



PRESENT CHURCH.

Edgar Robey Baker—Born January 28, 1892; baptized February 8, 1893. Parents: Alfred L. and Bessie Baker.

Josephine Louisa Barnes—Born March 25, 1892; baptized March 2, 1893. Parents: Joseph T. and Louisa J. Barnes.

Roscoe Michael Doub—Born September 11, 1892; baptized March 30, 1893. Parents: Cyrus and Emma J. Doub.

Frances Lawson Bouis—Born September 19, 1892; baptized April 2, 1893. Parents: Clarence G. and Hattie E. Bouis.

Herbert Henderson Porter—Born February 22, 1893; baptized April 16, 1893. Parents: Arthur and Hilda Porter.

Richard Courtney Buechler—Born October 30, 1892; baptized April 30, 1893. Parents: Richard A. and Mary E. Buechler.

Ethel Margaret Pond—Born September 4, 1890; baptized May 6, 1893. Parents William G. and Hattie B. Pond.

Benjamin Charles Hartig—Born August 14, 1892; baptized May 11, 1893. Parents: Louis and Emma Hartig.

Julius A. Hobson—Born November 13, 1892; baptized May 19, 1893. Parents: Julius A. and Lelia Hobson.

John Gentner Simmons—Born February 3, 1891; baptized June 11, 1893. Parents: J. Lee and Maggie Simmons.

Edward Nicholas Sauer—Born August 23, 1892; baptized June 11, 1893. Parents: Charles and Ada Sauer.

George Arthur McKay—Born May 3, 1893; baptized June 25, 1893. Parents: George and Henrika McKay.

1843-1893.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

OF

St. Paul's English Lutheran Church,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following is the entire programme for Sunday and Monday, April 16 and 17, 1893 :

Programme.

SUNDAY.

- 9.30 A. M. Regular session of the Sunday school, L. D. Alden, Superintendent.
- 11 A. M. Sermon by Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., LL. D., of Baltimore, Md., and brief remarks by the pastor.
- 3 P. M. Anniversary session of the Sunday school, in charge of the Superintendent. Short addresses by J. E. Graeff, Esq., of Philadelphia, the second pastor of the church 45 years ago, and by several ex-superintendents.
- 6.30 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E., an anniversary meeting, conducted by the President, Daniel N. Klapp. Remarks by members of the Society and visiting friends.
- 7.30 P. M. Platform meeting. Historical sketch by the pastor. Brief reminiscent addresses by J. E. Graeff, Esq., and J. G. Butler, D. D., ex-pastors, and W. E. Parson, D. D., an ex-associate pastor.

PASTORAL AND CONGREGATIONAL RECEPTION.

Monday evening, from 7.30 to 11 o'clock, at National Rifles' Armory.

PROGRAMME.

Brief addresses by neighboring Lutheran Pastors.

1. Overture, orchestra.
2. Introductory Greeting, by pastor St. Paul's Church.
3. Contralto Solo, Mrs. Eulalie Domer-Rheem.
4. Addresses, Rev. Ernst Drewitz, Concordia Church; Rev. G. A. Nixdorf, Georgetown Church.
5. Quartette, Sue H. E. Wilson, Mrs. Eulalie Domer-Rheem, Jacob Scharf, W. A. Domer.
6. Addresses, Rev. W. H. Gotwald, St. Mark's Church; Rev. A. Hornrighaus, Zion's Church.
7. Tenor Solo, Mr. Al. Mosher.
8. Addresses, Rev. D. E. Wiseman, Church of our Redeemer; Rev C. H. Butler, Keller Memorial.
9. Baritone Solo, Prof. N. Dushane Cloward.
10. Selection, orchestra.

Vocal and instrumental music in charge of the church choir, W. A. Domer, director and chairman; Miss Grace Fox, pianist.

Refreshments will be served by the ladies of the church.

You are cordially invited to be with us in celebrating this fiftieth anniversary of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church.

Committee on Correspondence:

Mr. Edward T. Kaiser, Mr. Robert B. Clarkson, Miss Mollie Davis, Miss Emma O. Meyers.

St. Paul's is the mother church of English Lutheranism in this city.

Her daughters are the Church of the Reformation, Memorial Church, and St. Mark's.

Her granddaughters are Zion's Church, Church of Our Redeemer, Keller Memorial.

Church Council:

S. Domer, D. D., John C. Parker, Albert F. Fox, A. S. Johnson, B. F. Meyers, M. M. Rouzer, Edward T. Kaiser, H. H. Seltzer.

The programme was carefully carried out, and all the exercises of both Sunday and Monday evenings were of the greatest interest, and crowded audiences at every service attested the deep impression which the anniversary made on the minds of the people, both church people and others. The various committees had faithfully discharged their duties ; and thus the great anniversary was made a notable success in every way.

The regular session of the Sunday school was held at the usual time, viz., 9.30 A. M., in charge of the superintendent, Mr. L. D. Alden. The officers were all present, and there was a large attendance of the membership, comparatively few missing from their places in the school. The Sunday-school anniversary session, as fixed by the programme, was held in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. For account of this, reference is made to a subsequent page.

At 11 o'clock A. M. services were held in the church, with an audience crowding every part of the audience room. The Decoration Committee had fitted up the church in beautiful style. They had the church decorated more artistically and elaborately than it had ever been decorated before—flowers and plants and trailing vines in every direction; the chancel banked with potted plants, palms, and flowers, so that the pulpit was almost concealed; five arches were sprung across the entire church in front of the large pipe organ, every arch wreathed with trailing vines and flowers. The large central arch behind the pulpit carried in semi-circular form, in letters of evergreen and flowers, the well-known line of Luther's battle hymn, "Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott." In the rear of this arch, against the organ pipes and central to the whole plan of decoration, was a large picture of Martin Luther, the frame covered and festooned with similax, and the upper part crowned with flowers. A beautiful columnar

pedestal was erected at the right of the pulpit, just outside of the chancel railing. This was heavily festooned with trailing vines, and on its summit was carried a magnificent basket of roses and lilies and other flowers, with graceful festoonings which hung around the pedestal half way to the floor below—a very picture of loveliness. Plants and flowers filled all the windows; and wreaths of smilax and trailing vines covered the gallery front and hung from every bracket. The decorations were so profuse and so artistically arranged as to transform the audience room into a very picture of loveliness.

THE SERVICES IN THE MORNING.

Opening anthem by the choir, "Sing Hallelujah."

The morning service, as given in the Book of Worship, conducted by the pastor.

Scripture lesson, St. John's Gospel, in the 10th chapter.

Then the 191st hymn, "See what a Living Stone."

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Gotwald, of St. Mark's Church.

Offertory, jubilee chorus by the choir; following which, announcements by the pastor.

Then followed the sermon by Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., LL. D., text: Matthew, 28: 21, "Son, go work in my vineyard."

The sermon was followed by the reminiscent address of the pastor. An outline of the sermon and the remarks of the pastor will be found in their order.

Morning services closed with the hymn 202, "I love thy Zion, Lord," and the benediction by the pastor.

The Sunday-school anniversary and exercises are inserted in the Sunday-school chapter of this history.

The platform meeting at 7.30 P. M. was attended by a crowd that more than filled the church. The order of services was as follows:

Organ voluntary.

Anthem by the choir.

The evening service in the Book of Worship, conducted by the pastor.

Reading of the 46th Psalm.

Prayer by Rev. W. H. Gotwald.

Offertory "Praise ye the Lord," by the choir.

Announcements by the pastor.

The pastor, Dr. Domer, announced the reception of greetings from Rev. Dr. Conrad, of Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. Barnitz, our Western Secretary of Home Missions; Rev. H. B. Belmer, a former pastor; and also from the Rev. H. S. Cook, of Waynesboro, Pa.; H. C. Grossman, of Anna, Illinois, formerly the associate pastors in the pastorate of Dr. Butler; also from Rev. H. Baker, D. D., of Altoona. These communications, for want of time, could not all be read. They appear in their order, as will be seen on the following pages.

Addresses followed first by J. E. Graeff, of Philadelphia, who was the second pastor 45 years ago; by Rev. J. G. Butler, D. D., the third pastor, and by Rev. W. E. Parson, D. D., pastor of the Church of the Reformation, and formerly an associate pastor of St. Paul's. These addresses were full of interest, and were received with great satisfaction and pleasure by the large audience present.

The hymn 217, "Watchman, Tell us of the Night," was sung with great earnestness by the choir and congregation. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. H. Gotwald.

All these addresses are given in outline and brevity, with the written greetings, in their order at the services, morning and evening.

Rev. J. G. Morris, D. D., LL. D.

OUTLINE OF SERMON ON SUNDAY MORNING OF THE
SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERVICES.

Matt., 21 : 28. Son, go work to-day in my vineyard.

The preacher introduced his subject by the ideal representation of a Jewish country gentleman ordering his two sons, who were idly loitering about the farm, to go to work in the field. They were vigorous, stalwart young men, who should not have been spending their time unprofitably. The father had claim on their services; he had reared and educated them, and he properly thought they should repay him by their personal labor; neither did they deny his claims or offer to hire substitutes to do the work. They did not plead sickness nor other pressing engagements, nor inexperience, nor physical inability. The vineyard was in a condition requiring cultivation; the weather was favorable; no time was to be lost, and the work must be done or the crop would suffer, and the father held his sons responsible.

The theme of the sermon was DILIGENT AND IMMEDIATE PERSONAL WORK IN THE CHURCH OF THE LORD.

The preacher then drew an analogy between the church and a vineyard, which illustration is employed by Isaiah, chapter V, in which the prophet gives us a word picture of surpassing beauty. The book of Canticles, 1:6, employs the same figure to set forth the kingdom of God upon earth; and our Lord, in Matt., 21: 33, and other places, compares his church to a vineyard in which all his disciples are called upon to labor diligently. It is that beautiful first-born daughter of heaven coming down to earth in the majesty of her unspotted bridal robes—the impersonation of truth and

righteousness—and she calls upon us all to work in her interests; to maintain her purity; to defend her against assaults; to spread abroad her principles; to magnify her sacraments; to honor her ministry; to instruct her people, and glorify her Lord.

No one is exempted from this call, and though we may not all be able to perform every kind of labor, yet each is bound to do all as the Lord hath given us ability.

The command is “Son! go work!”—endearing name—it is not slave, nor hireling, nor menial, but a tender and paternal epithet, showing the close relation we sustain to the owner of the vineyard, and the order given implies activity, energy, and personal effort. It is not to go and see how others work and admire their exertions, or find fault with their labors, or employ others to go in your stead, and you stand idly looking on, but it is go yourself; and you need not go far to find a field; you have it in your own heart, your family, your church, your Sunday school, your mission societies, your neighborhood, the poor; the field is wide and you can enter it from your own house-door.

But a man may go and still do nothing, as some may travel and read and yet learn nothing; he may be inattentive, careless, forgetful; but going here implies working. Our Lord usually appends a word of momentous import after his use of the word go, for example: “Go and see”—“go and learn”—“go tell my brethren”—and here it is, “go work”—there’s something to be done. Thus religion is not devout inactivity, pious meditation, monastic seclusion, nor mere Bible reading, nor church going, but it is working for God in his open vineyard; it is devoting our energies to his cause; it is consecrating ourselves to his service in the world, and in every department of church service in which we can be most efficient.

This is a working age of the church, and that indivi-

dual person or congregation that is not active in the vineyard is going backward in personal piety and true religious enjoyment. Men are fast giving up the notion, once popular, that spasmodic excitement, intense feeling, and clamorous worship was religion; they have found that it was evanescent, unproductive, and in many cases delusive. The rivulet that noisily rushes over the stony bed dries up in the summer, but the stream of greater depth flows uniformly on; there may be rain storms, or fervid heat and drought, and yet it gently glides through the meadows, watering the parched earth or affording nourishment to the trees growing upon its banks.

Such religion is not a soap bubble that glitters in sparkling colors for a moment and then bursts, or like the apples of Sodom which at a touch fall into a pile of ashes in your hand; but it is real, active, permanent, enduring, eternal. My son, give me thy heart! and what does this mean? Not the feelings only, but the will, the governing purpose of life, the determination to think, believe, speak, and do what is right.

But what kind of "work" are we to do? We can not all preach, nor teach, nor govern, nor give much; but we can all pray; we can let our light shine; we can all exemplify our profession; we can give a penny a week, if not a dollar; we can relieve the wants of many of the suffering poor, if we can not pay their house rent for a year; we can all aim at receiving the precious encomium of the Lord, she hath done what she could.

The preacher here enlarged upon the various fields of church work in which the humblest member may usefully engage.

But when are we to work? "To-day." How long? Till sundown—the close of life.

The work may be hard and the results may be disheartening, but that is the experience of workers in

every age from the days of our Lord to the present time.

This position was illustrated by scripture texts and historical incidents.

It was also demonstrated that some kinds of "church work" may be unprofitable and even harmful, such as undertaking an enterprise which can not be carried out; spending money on a costly house of worship and entailing a debt upon the congregation, and thus cripple its energies for years; devoting time and labor and money in the execution of some favorite scheme or the support of some society which was begun without system or judgment; establishing new congregations or erecting churches where there was no necessity for them, and in various other ways frittering away the resources of the congregation without profitable results.

The preacher stated the fact that he assisted in laying the corner-stone of this church fifty years ago. He recited some interesting incidents connected with that event, such as the presence of the Hon. John Quincy Adams, ex-President of the United States, but who at that time was a member of Congress from Massachusetts.

He also stated that four years after he participated in the consecration of the church, on which occasion President James K. Polk and his wife, with James Buchanan, Secretary of State, and other notabilities, were present.

The preacher concluded his discourse by reciting several stanzas of the well-known and inspiring hymn:

"Work, for the night is coming—
Work through the morning hours,
Work while the dew is sparkling,
Work 'mid opening flowers;
Work when the day grows brighter,
Work in the glowing sun;
Work for the night is coming
When the work of man is done."

**Ministry of Rev. S. Domer, D. D., the Present Pastor
Since November 5, 1874.**

PRESENTED AT THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

The severance of pastoral relations where those relations have been satisfactory and pleasant, and mutual confidence and good will have obtained, is always a painful and trying experience. Such in an eminent degree was the situation when we bade "good-bye" to the people of our former charge to accept the courteous call from St. Paul's eighteen years and a half ago. This is our fourth charge since we entered the ministry in 1855. The first, our first love, and still tenderly cherished, the English Lutheran Church at Selinsgrove, Pa. The second, St. Matthew's Church of Reading, Pa., from 1869 to 1872. A more cordial, warm-hearted, and loyal people to the pastor and the church than the people of St. Matthew's were it would be hard to find. Overwork and impaired health compelled us, regretfully to leave the city of Reading and the many kind friends there.

After a short vacation and rest, the only interim in a ministry of nearly 38 years, we accepted the invitation to Trinity Lutheran Church, Shamokin, Pa., three months after our resignation at Reading. This was in October, 1872. After a pastorate of two years in this place, the call from St. Paul's, of Washington, was placed in our hands, and after mature consideration was favorably entertained. But the making of this change was not without peculiar trial and reluctance. We had been in the pastorate of this church only two short years, and had become much attached to the people. They were so kind, so faithful, and the prosperity of the church was so manifest, that it seemed almost impracticable and unwise to think of making a change. How-

ever, after having taken into account all the factors and considerations which properly entered into the question of transfer to the new field of activity, and of the possibilities of usefulness there, we finally ventured to make the change, in reliance on the blessing of the Master, and in the hope of accomplishing a use not less important in the vineyard of the Lord along the latitudes of opportunity thus opening up before us. Accordingly we left a flourishing, a united, a kind-hearted, and pleasant people, and ventured to come to a new and strange people, with elements and surroundings very different from the former, hoping and believing that new associations and friends might presently be found to take the place of the old, and that the joy and satisfaction of labor should not be wanting in the new sphere of Christian and pastoral endeavor.

We removed to Washington November 5, 1874. Preached the first sermon November 8, 1874, on the text, "Having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come," 1 Tim., 4 : 8. First meeting with the church council November 10, 1874. We look back over the years of this last pastorate with a special interest on this occasion, not only because it is thus far our last pastorate, but especially because it closes the semi-centennial history of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, and becomes a part of our glad jubilee.

On our arrival in Washington we were very kindly received, and the cordial welcome extended by the friends who had gathered in the parsonage that evening made us feel quite at home at once, and gave us reason to believe that there remained an earnest band of Christian men and women in St. Paul's who would sustain and encourage the new pastor in every possible way. That hearty greeting the first night at the parsonage has not been forgotten. Dr. Young voices a tender theology when he says :

"Heaven gives us friends to bless the present scene;
Resumes them to prepare us for the next."

Still in our human fondness our hearts can not fail to appreciate the force of Shakespeare's counsel :

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried,
Grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel."

I want to put on record here, and now, my profoundest appreciation of the kindnesses shown to the pastor and his family during the years that have passed away since first we met. I love the old friends. I love the new friends. If I have, unfortunately, failed to merit and to receive the continuous favor of any among my parishioners, I shall but regret my infirmity and misfortune, while remembering tenderly the beauty and fragrance of that friendship which like a flower of the early spring-time bloomed only for a little time and then faded away before the summer of our common work had fully come.

Almost nineteen years of the present pastorate have been fulfilled. How like a dream these years now seem as we look back and see how quickly they have vanished away! Yet not entirely as a dream, for they have been filled with facts and events, with purposes, plans, and experiences, whose record has gone into the eternal years. Successes and failures ; expectations realized, and yet many not realized ; work done and work not done ; growth and advancements made, and yet many a step not taken ; enlargements projected and hoped for, and yet not wrought into fruition. The shadows and the lights of these years both press for recognition in any estimate that should be made. Causative elements and forces come into view as explanations of things accomplished and of things not accomplished ; but they have passed beyond our control, and we are left to the results as we now find them. And if from these results, mixed as they may be, we shall move into the future with firmer steps, stronger faith, and a higher wisdom, then these vanished years may yet be a "*scala sancta*,"

a holy ladder from whose topmost round we may look out into brighter skies and take in a larger horizon than our eyes have ever scanned before.

FIRST OFFICIAL ACTS.

Among my first official acts in this congregation came several marriage ceremonies—not at all an unpleasant way of beginning a pastorate. The first of all in this list was the marriage of the young secretary of our church council, Mr. G. W. Linkins, to Miss Carrie E. Reiss, and soon afterward Mr. Allen S. Johnson to Miss Jennie Stoaber. They are beloved and honored members of our church to-day, and I now renew my congratulations of eighteen years ago. Not less interesting to me on this occasion is the fact that I have had the pleasure and privilege of receiving into the communion of our church, within the last few years, by the rite of confirmation, two sons from each of these two young families. Four young men these first marriages have given to the church. May these young men ever honor their parentage, their church, and the Lord, to whom they have been consecrated in their early years, by a noble christian manhood and useful lives. Including the first marriages thus mentioned, three hundred and forty-eight couples have been united in marriage since my pastorate in St. Paul's commenced.

But it would be a very great mistake to imply by such reference as this that all our affairs had always moved along as lovely as a marriage scene, or as merry as a marriage bell. This congregation has had to bear heavy burdens and to pass through many tribulations on its way to present strength and establishment. Such, in fact, is the history of most churches. Like Norway pines, they are rocked into maturity and strength by the storms that beat upon them; they push their way upward through the winters which whiten the

mountains and the hills on which they stand. The beginnings were small and made in the face of many difficulties. Along the lines of endeavor and advancement many a crisis period pressed into the history of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church. From the organization in 1843, through the five pastorates which have filled the first fifty years of this congregation, many alternations of trial, doubt, conflict, and tears, with successes, joys, and triumphs, crowd into the pages of its history. The earlier trials and crisis periods have been elsewhere considered in the accounts presented during our anniversary exercises, and I confine myself chiefly to the experiences and events which belong to my own pastorate since 1874.

My predecessor, Rev. H. B. Belmer, found that the processes in the organization of the Memorial Sunday school and Church had become an exhaustive strain on the strength and resources of the mother church. The Sunday school was largely transferred in officers, teachers, and scholars. A large number of the members withdrew from time to time to join the new movement and enterprise—from 80 to 100 during the first year. Mr. Belmer says "fully half of the most vigorous working force went with the Memorial colony." Others took their letters of dismission and joined churches of other denominations. From twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars of the money of St. Paul's had gone into the property of the new church. An old indebtedness remained for the mother church to carry with a reduced membership and a depleted treasury. An old church building, which stood in great need of renovation and improvement, was left to them in mute appeal for generous consideration. The question of continued self-support under the circumstances of so many reductions came to the front as a vexing problem; and, consequently, discouraged by the situation of affairs, after

a pastorate of fifteen months Brother Belmer resigned in April, 1874. This resignation, with the "assurance of confidence in the pastor and hearty coöperation with him," was not then accepted, and he continued in the pastorate until October 1, 1874, and then closed his labors in St. Paul's English Lutheran Church.

Such was the unpromising situation of affairs when the present pastor took charge in November, 1874. The ranks diminished to less than a hundred active members, and these, of course, depressed in spirit; only sixty persons, old and young, in the first session of the Sunday school; the financial ability of the congregation greatly weakened, and some expressing doubts of the possibility of any speedy reconstruction. The question of the sale of the church property had even been under discussion at various times during this transition period, and its transfer to the Memorial suggested.

The outlook for successful work was not a radiant one at this time, excepting only that there was work to be done, and that no "labor in the Lord is in vain." Had all the circumstances of doubt and fear been fully known by the pastor elect, perhaps his faith and courage would not have measured up to the gravity of the situation, and his apprehension of failure might have turned his thoughts and purposes into a more hopeful direction. But the providential ordering was otherwise. "We know in part, and we prophesy in part"—Paul gives best explanation of the facts of life with its human conditions and environments—and so we walk in the twilight until the sunburst and the flash of the morning light bring in the golden day.

One fact, however, which soon appeared after our arrival in the city, gave strong assurance and quickened lively hope. We found a little company of determined men and women who remained devoted and true to St. Paul's, and they nobly and bravely assumed the respon-

sibility of support, and rallied around the new pastor with such earnestness and determination as to inspire the strongest expectations of success and blessing in the new departure. Some of those heroic souls, whose smiles and kind words were the benediction of us all in the morning of St. Paul's reconstruction nearly twenty years ago, have been transferred to the "summer land." Some remain, and are still the same true and tried ones as in the beginning. They are with us in the joy of jubilee to-day. Veterans of the cross! We put their names in the roll of honor in the church below, while their comrades of a few years ago have been placed on the enrollment of grace and glory in the church above.

Whatever of progress we may have made in our church work and life since we have been brought together as pastor and people, I desire the credit be largely given to that faithful membership who by the blessing of the Lord have so faithfully endeavored to advance the cause of the Kingdom of Christ during these years of trial, toil, and fruition. Faithful men and faithful women alike combined in the work of rebuilding the temple, and in rehabilitating its altar and services. The roll call of the early morning at the empty tomb carried with it the mention of the "Marys and the women of Galilee" in worthy prominence among the disciples of the risen Lord. The old fact is equally the new one, and our earnest christian women in St. Paul's are never wanting when and where duty and religion lead the way.

Our anniversary exercises sweep a horizon of fifty years, and simply involve our own pastorate with the preceding ones. How impressive the contrasts which these years unfold! The first confirmations and the first communion took place on Whit Sunday following the Easter Sunday of April 15, 1843, on which the first

church council was chosen and organized. Eight members in the first confirmation class—how many at the first communion I find no record. Of the first class Mrs. Wm. Linkins, still a member of our church, and her brother, Wm. R. Woodward, of Chicago, Ill., are the only ones of the class that are still living. Of the first communicants, so far as we know, only Mrs. Annie Spier, Mrs. C. Atz, and Mr. David Fowble still remain on the hither side of life. Since that time nearly a thousand have been added to the church, and our communion seasons are honored by hundreds of communicants whenever these solemn occasions come along.

Our first communion at the beginning of my own pastorate is now recalled as having been a very small one. There was only one candidate for confirmation. The name of this first accession I record with special pleasure. She was not even a resident of Washington, but came from Pohick, Virginia, a little distance beyond the tomb of Washington, for the express purpose of uniting with the Lutheran church, the church to which the family belonged and in which her ancestors had their names enrolled for generations past. She has remained loyal to the church through all these years, although without a Lutheran church in that community. She makes herself useful in church and Sunday school of another denomination, but she remains a Lutheran christian. I mention her name with peculiar pleasure, because she has refused to transfer her membership elsewhere out of devotion to the church in which she was baptized and then confirmed in her early years. It was Miss Lizzie Kuehling, the first and only candidate for confirmation at the first communion in my pastorate at Washington. The largest accessions on any single occasion since that time numbered one hundred ; the total accessions since my pastorate began, between five and six hundred ; the

recorded accessions during the pastorate of Dr. Butler, three hundred and twenty-seven.

The roll of honor in our church, if we had it written out, would carry a large number of cherished names. Some are over yonder ; the rest are still here. The memory of the faithful ones, who gathered with us in former years and joined in our songs and labors, we cherish as an abiding benediction. Some, alas ! ran well for a while, gave promise of great usefulness and distinction in the church at their entrance into our fellowship, but presently, like the seed sown in thorny ground, amid the choking weeds of the world, have failed to become fruitful in holy living and fidelity to the church in which they had recorded their vows. Such lapses there are in every congregation, and they are to be remembered with regret ; but divine grace may bring the wanderers back again, and in the hope of such restorations we need to be patient and kind as the Master himself. Peter denied his Lord, but when the tender look of Jesus fell upon the erring disciple the hot tears of his penitence fell into the light of forgiving love, and Peter was made to rejoice forever in pardoning grace.

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS.

The auxiliary societies and departments in our church are evidences of the progress made toward completer organization for aggressive and progressive work along the lines of christian activity. We need to cherish them with special care, as we recognize their helpful value in the upbuilding of the church. The Sunday school must take a leading place in any just estimate of the relative importance of church agencies.

Our Sunday school, with its present organization and equipments, is greatly in advance of past years. Our semi-centennial year is confessedly the "star" year in

our entire history. Under the management of its present officers and teachers, much prosperity has crowned their labors. For fifteen years the present superintendent, L. D. Alden, has been in charge, and I would bear a loving testimony to-day to the helpfulness of all the officers and teachers who have so faithfully with the pastor aided in advancing the cause that is so dear to all our hearts. St. Paul's Church must be congratulated on the efficiency and prosperity of the Sunday school with which it is so greatly blessed. As a pastor I feel an amiable pride in our school, and rejoice greatly on account of the advancement which has been made since my pastorate commenced here. Only sixty present the first Sunday after I came to Washington—no superintendent, and only a few teachers. Now we have three departments, three superintendents, 31 classes, and an enrollment bordering on 500. At first we found only about 80 active members remaining in the church; now we have 145 active church members in the Sunday school alone. Our Sunday-school offerings at first were of necessity at a minimum, with so small a number in attendance; now the Sunday-school offerings, total receipts during the last year of the semi-centenary, were \$1,266.06; direct class offerings, \$1,000.99—an average of .07.10-17 per member for every session of the year. Our benevolence in 1875 amounted to \$142.95; in 1892 it amounted to \$739.20—an increase of more than 500 per cent.

With similar gratification I refer to the other helpful societies which make up our organization as a church, and which have all been developed during the last twenty years of our church life. Each in its sphere performs a helpful mission, and all working together as a unit in the common interest makes the galaxy of stars that swing around the central sun of the church's hope and life. These are our weekly prayer meetings, the Ladies'

Aid Society, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, the Y. P. S. C. E., the Junior Endeavor Society, the King's Daughters, and our Church Choir, so efficient in the song service. And last, but not least, our energetic, generous, and enterprising Church Council. I am glad to be able to speak in strong commendation of the present official board, and of the former councils which have served the church since I became pastor, almost nineteen years ago. Our relations have, with very few exceptions, been of the most cordial and pleasant character. They have been very helpful to me in all my responsibilities and work. Brethren of the council, and all you earnest workers in the church, whether in one of the several bands or not, accept my grateful greetings to-day for your helpful coöperation amid the toils and cares which we have been sharing since first we met long years ago.

THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF LUTHER'S BIRTH.

One of the most notable events in the history of St. Paul's was the great celebration of the 400th anniversary of Luther's birth. This anniversary was observed in many lands and by many people of many nationalities. St. Paul's would not fall behind in honoring the great reformer's name, when all over the world christian people were emphasizing his place in history and bringing into review his wonderful achievements in the reformation of the church and the great spiritual renaissance of the sixteenth century.

In conference with the church council the determination was soon formed fittingly to observe this anniversary. A. F. Fox, I. N. Kalb, and L. D. Alden were appointed anniversary committee. The pastor prepared a series of some twelve or fourteen lectures on different phases and events of the reformation. These were delivered on successive Sunday evenings, and were re-

ceived with much favor by the church and the community. Outlines of these lectures were published in several of the city papers, and they were subjected to sharp but respectful criticism in some of the Catholic papers, thus showing the extent of the impressions made by their presentation. But the culminating service took place in the great platform meeting held Sunday evening, November 11th, 1883. The pastor had charge of the arrangements for the great meeting, and had invited prominent and leading men of different churches and denominations to take part in the exercises. General Eaton, Commissioner of Education, was appointed to preside at the meeting, and made the first speech, after having been introduced by the pastor. The speakers of the evening were Pere Hyacinthe, the old Catholic reformer of Paris, who happened to be on a visit in Washington at this time; the Hon. Simon Wolf, a Hebrew, and formerly U. S. Consul in Egypt; Mr. B. H. Warner, a prominent business man of the city, and Dr. David Wills, of the Presbyterian church and chaplain U. S. A. The following report of the meeting is taken from the *National Republican* of November 12th, 1883:

“Looking down from the choir gallery in St. Paul's Lutheran Church upon the vast audience below, one was impressed with the beauty and solemnity of the occasion. The building was filled to its utmost capacity, and then against its people-closed doors surged the waves of a dense crowd eager to get within. The main aisles of the church had columns swathed in evergreen, typical of the great reformer's influence. The space around the pulpit was built up in a platform, every available foot of which was occupied by distinguished individuals. In the center was deeply banked with a mass of flowers filling the air with heavy fragrance, and throwing back the light of the gas jets in many colors and perfumed radiance. The black and orange flag of the German Empire, side by side

with the stars and stripes, covered the wall back of the flowers, showing off the legends of 'Wittenberg, Wartberg, Worms,' and 'Eisenach, Eisleben, and Erfurt,' those monuments in the life of Luther that stand out prominently against the back-ground of the ages. The church wore a triumphal look, and in the centre of the banks of flowers the portrait of Luther looked out upon the scene, revealing the source of its inspiration, the fountain-head of its triumphal air.

"It was indeed a triumphal scene which the peasant monk had wrung from posterity to grace the glory of his name and fame. The fourth centennial anniversary of the man who was born in the wilds of German Saxony in the Teutonic marshes, on the borders of hostile and foreign Slavs, had brought together this vast assemblage to do him honor in a country then unknown to civilized man. All grades of society and almost all races of men were represented in that audience. Largely Teutonic, there were present Irishmen, Scotchmen, Italians, Englishmen, Frenchmen, and Scandinavians. High officers of the government, distinguished clergymen, famous scholars, artists, mechanics, patricians and proletarians; men of blood kindred to the great reformer; and men of an alien race, with beautiful women of many nations—all united in an homage of song, of oratory, and of praise to the champion of free thought. The situation was intensely dramatic.

"The president of the meeting was a descendant of the Puritans, who had overtoppled throne and beheaded king and abandoned civilization for the howling wilderness to carry out the great principles successfully championed by the Saxon monk. A Gallic priest, carrying on to-day in the greatest of the papal capitals the same conflict of reform within the church first started by Luther, had crossed the seas, and in a strange language, with passionate eloquence, bore testimony to the brilliant genius of the German reformer. And to crown all, a Jew was there in a christian church, type of the persecuted race, foremost among the Gentiles in laying a Hebrew lily with the Gentile roses that blossomed on the votive wreath of him who had made such a spectacle possible by breaking the chains that held

human thought in bondage. In all the impassioned oriental dreams of his race no wilder flight of fancy had been reached than this, that a Saxon peasant should create a language, a literature, and a religion, and raise up the despised and persecuted Jew to a level with the sovereign princes of the holy Roman Empire.

"After a hymn by the choir and prayer by Rev. Dr. Wills, chaplain U. S. Army, the president of the meeting, General Eaton, delivered an interesting address. He reviewed the early life of Luther, briefly but pictorially sketched the incidents that led to the memorable conflict with Rome, analyzed the character of the reformer and the political character of the times, and closed with a glowing tribute to the genius and influence of his subject. To him the true christian church, the State, the family and popular education were more indebted than to any other man. A cornet solo followed. General Eaton created a little breeze of excitement by gracefully alluding to the struggle now going on inside of the Roman Catholic Church, and introducing to the audience Pere Hyacinthe. The famous French reformer took the audience with him at his first movement. With a graceful gesture, a melodious voice, and a rapid play of expression upon his face, he kept his hearers perfectly silent for perhaps twenty minutes of impassioned eloquence. The famous Pere is a pictorial and dramatic speaker, with a clear, distinct enunciation by which every word he speaks is heard. He has a rich, ready voice, very pleasant to hear, whose smoothness never degenerates into harshness nor breaks into shrillness. His voice, like his face, admits of a great variety of expression, which he skillfully and pleasantly exercised. He has the rare faculty of identifying himself with the emotion of the moment, and hence adds the charm of graceful novelty to everything he says. He began by saying: 'It has been a habit of my ultramontane antagonists to call me by the opprobrious epithet given to Martin Luther—that of "Apostate Monk." I should like to be his disciple—not in all of his opinions, but so far as these opinions are great and immortal in the work of reformation. I salute in him the first old Catholic. He wanted to reform according to his ideas, inside and not outside. He wanted, in fact, no division, no schism. I

should like to accomplish what Luther began, a thorough reform in the Latin Church, for Luther would have kept within the church lines in a regularly constituted episcopate if he could have done so.' Continuing, the Pere said, in substance, that Luther was animated by these principles : first, he was to break off connection with Rome, with its errors and abuses ; secondly, at the same time he was to remain loyal to the faith as taught in the Bible and faithful to Christ as the very Son of God. In following these two principles he traced two lines of demarkation, one of time and one of space. That of time was a new era in the church and in society. The renaissance was only a preparation for this reformation, as of the renaissance the French revolution was only a consequence. Neither created a distinct era. That was done by the reformation inaugurated by Luther. The reformation drew a line of demarkation both in Europe and in America between the people who were emancipated by Luther and those still holding allegiance to Rome. As regards these it was not a question of race, but of a religious system. For example, the Irish Kelts, the Slavic Poles, the Austrian Germans, all of whom are Romanists, are as surely in a state of decadence as the Latin nations. Thirdly, to practice what he preached was Luther's aim. He was courageous enough to do this, in private as well as in public and ecclesiastical life. The Pere closed his address by hoping that in 1983 the whole world would be neither Protestant nor Romanist, but that humanity would be united in one great christian church.

"The Hon. Simon Wolf, a Jew, followed in a burst of fervid eloquence, wherein he paid a glowing tribute to the genius and character of the great German who had emancipated human thought. He looked upon Luther as the greatest man born to humanity since time began.

"Mr. B. H. Warner and Chaplain Wills followed in stirring addresses, and after closing remarks by Dr. Domer, the pastor, the choir closed the services by singing the famous Luther hymn, 'Ein Feste Burg ist Unser Gott.'"

This was certainly one of the most remarkable and interesting services, in all respects, of any that have ever taken place in any church of the city. Those who were privileged in being present will not fail to carry with them the remembrance of that occasion to the end of life. It was somewhat singular that Pere Hyacinthe should have been on a visit to this country and to Washington City just at the time of our Luther celebration; and it was a matter of great pleasure and gratification to myself, as pastor of the church, when, on personal call, I invited him to make the address, and received from him such a cheerful and hearty acceptance of the invitation. He addressed the audience in the French language. Our reporter understood the French, and gave us the English rendering in his admirable report of the exercises.

LETTER TO EMPEROR WILLIAM II.

A reference has elsewhere been made to the gift of a silver chalice by the King and Queen of Prussia in 1845. This chalice has been used in our communion services ever since, and is greatly valued because of the source from which it came. When we were getting ready for our semi-centennial celebration, it occurred to me that it would be well as an event in our history to send a memorial letter, with greetings of regard and honor, to the present Emperor of Germany, who is the grandson of the King and Queen of Prussia, afterward the first imperial house of consolidated Germany, from whom our communion cup was received when the congregation was yet in its infancy. Other considerations also entered into the account to prompt such a letter, especially the great interest which both Emperor and Empress were taking in church movements in the "Fatherland" and elsewhere. The restoration of the "Schloss Kirche" in Wittenberg, and its dedication

on the 31st of October, 1892, attracted attention throughout christendom. The crowning feature of the dedication was the address of the Emperor, which in its admirable christian spirit and church loyalty was everywhere received with demonstrations of favor, and especially in the Lutheran churches of both hemispheres. On the Sunday following the great dedication I used the Emperor's address in my discourse at our morning's services. Soon after this I made mention of writing a letter to the young Emperor as we were in Sunday school session, and by a unanimous vote of the school I was instructed to convey their warmest greetings of love to the illustrious Lutheran Emperor of Germany and his equally illustrious wife, the Empress. I wrote him on the 13th of March, directing my letter to him in the imperial palace at Berlin. On the 9th of May, 1893, through the courtesy of the German Minister at Washington, Baron Von Holleben, I received the Emperor's gracious reply. It is as follows:

WASHINGTON, D. C., *May 9th, 1893.*

SIR: Referring to the communication you addressed to His Majesty the Emperor, under date of March 13th, I beg to inform you that His Majesty has graciously directed me to convey to you his best thanks for the kind attentions conferred on him and the Imperial family through your letter, as well as for the expression of interest and devotion contained in the same.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

HOLLEBEN,

His Imperial German Majesty's Minister.

REV. S. DOMER,

Pastor of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church,
Washington, D. C.

THE SOCIETIES

Which make up the working organizations of our church have already been referred to, but a few additional words may here be allowed.

The Ladies' Aid Society,

Organized in May, 1873, constitutes one of the most helpful and faithful bands of workers in the church. Total receipts from date of organization to the present time, \$4,629.99; disbursed during the same period, \$4,521.60; balance on hand January 1st, 1893, \$108.39.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society,

Organized April 28, 1884, is quietly yet earnestly at work. It is not so large a society as it will be by and by, and as it is hoped it will be before long. These women, however, are earnestly pressing forward, and have already accomplished fine results. Amount of missionary offerings since the organization started, \$686.07.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor,

Organized a few years ago, is in a prosperous condition and fulfilling noblest uses. Its meetings are usually well attended, its services very interesting and helpful, and its methods effective in calling forth the latent powers of its members and in training them for greater efficiency in the devotional and evangelistic work of the church.

The KING'S' DAUGHTERS and the JUNIOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY are additional agencies which help to make up the general working forces of the church.

THE CHOIR.

No pastor, no congregation, should fail in a just appreciation of a faithful choir. The service of song is a most important part of worship; and those who are put into leadership of this department of service should themselves thoughtfully remember how they are to lead and mould and move the swelling chorus of praise and adoration in sympathy with the great congregation;

and then these leaders of song deserve to be mentioned with warmest commendation for their helpful ministry in the temple of God. It is thus that we mention our own choir. They are with us in all our public services; and as they are faithful and efficient, serious and worshipful, so they command our favor and disarm our criticism. To our singers now, as well as to those who have been with us in this service in days gone by, we would convey our high appreciation and regard.

CONCLUSION.

A brief summary may be in place as I close my pastoral review. Have baptized 362 children; have received 530 members into the church; have married 347 couples; have attended within the congregation, including men, women, and children, 80 funerals; outside, or not belonging to our church, a still larger number. Our aggregate enrollment of church members at present, about 400; our Sunday school enrollment almost 500. We have not a dollar of church debt remaining against us. We have a glorious membership of young people who, by the blessing of God, will presently be the forceful power in carrying on the work when the older ones among us shall have gone to rest.

Fifty years have passed away since the first songs were sung in St. Paul's. Most of the voices of that early morning are silent now. Only a few of the founders of the church and actors in her early struggles yet remain with us. We greet them with profoundest tenderness and respect. They are the links that connect us with the beginning—the present with fifty years ago. God bless you as you linger with us to-day. It is towards evening now. We are pausing to consider results which *you* have helped to bring about, and which *we* are now in the endeavor to hand over to the

generations that are to follow. Nearly half a hundred who were in the church eighteen or twenty years ago have joined the earlier ones on the other shore. And so the tide rolls on.

“What is this passing scene?
A peevish April day:
A little sun, a little rain,
And then night sweeps across the plain.”

THE ROLL OF THE DEAD.

Among the deaths and funerals of the 5th pastorate, the following are in the list. The list is arranged alphabetically and without reference to the date of death:

Mr. Isaac Angney, Mrs. I. Angney, Mr. C. Atz, Mrs. Caroline Acker, Mrs. Mary Schneider Adams, Rev. J. N. Burkett, Miss Nora Behrens, Miss Susan J. Bond, Mr. John Brady and wife, Mr. William S. Davis, Mrs. Carrie B. Eichelberger, child of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Eckhart, Mr. E. C. Eckloff, Mr. Samuel Freas, Miss Henrietta Farquhar, Mrs. Louisa Farquhar, Mrs. Jacob Fink, Mr. John Green, Mrs. Catherine Gardner, Mr. Ed. H. Getz, Mr. H. Gonzenbach, Captain Hoff, Mr. Saville B. Hall, Mr. Emrick Hansell, Mr. Henry Ingle, Mr. J. F. Kelly, Mrs. Margaret Kelly, Mrs. Mary Kraft, Mr. F. W. Koss, Miss Columbia Kelly, Mr. I. N. Kalb, Mr. William Linkins, Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Mr. Willie C. Lacoe, Mr. David F. McLean, Mr. John F. Mankin, Mrs. Mary L. Moore, Mr. Leonard J. Myers, Mr. Lewis S. McCormick, Mr. John F. McCormick, Mr. Charles Miller, Miss Grace Muth, Prof. G. A. Matile, Mr. Andrew Noerr, Mrs. Cath. Noerr, Mrs. Augusta Otto, Mr. Ulrich Opperman, Miss Mabel Pendel, Miss Emma Pendel, Mr. Joseph Roemmele, Mr. Benjamin Reiss, Mr. Henry Reiss, Mrs. Eliza A. Reiss, Mr. Edmund Rheem, Mrs. Mamie R. Raby, Mr. M. Sprague, Mr. Henry Seiffert, Mrs. Rosanna Seiffert, Miss Permelia Sinn, Mrs. Emma

Weaver Stevens, Miss Lizzie Southall, Mr. E. Z. Steever, Mrs. Louisa Schneider, Mr. G. W. Schafer, Mrs. Ella Chauncey Snyder, Miss Maggie Slyer, Miss Mary C. Slyer, Rev. J. J. Suman, Mrs. Harriet Sage, Mrs. Jane Sydnor, Miss Kate Treadway, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Utermehle, Miss Lizzie Weber, Mrs. Harriet Weigle, Mrs. Ida C. Weaver, Mr. John G. Weaver, Mr. Selby Wilson, Mr. J. W. Young, Mrs. E. Yerkes.

During a pastorate of eighteen years in St. Paul's we have had *two deathless years*, and only two—not a single death in the congregation or Sunday school. Since 1886, the second one of these remarkable years, not, however, in consecutive order, we have had no such record. Shall we ever have another? Some sweet day is coming when life shall have the victory.

“There everlasting spring abides,
And never withering flowers.
Death like a narrow sea divides
That heavenly land from ours.”

REMINISCENCES AND GREETINGS

FROM ASSOCIATE PASTORS AND OTHERS AT THE

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.

Rev. J. E. Graeff, Second Pastor.

Soon after graduating at the theological seminary of Gettysburg, through the influence of my life-long friend, the Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., I received a call to become pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Washington City.

After prayerfully considering this invitation for some time, I visited Washington, looked carefully over the ground, preached to the handful of people who were still loyal to the church, and with fear and trembling I accepted the care and became the regular pastor.

Without experience I did not realize the troubles, anxieties, and disappointments that were before me. The reputation of the Church had suffered so much that a large number of former attendants and sympathizers had withdrawn and gone elsewhere. The basement only was finished, the towers reached but to the roof, the windows were boarded, and, worse than all, a large debt was pressing for payment. So low had the church funds been reduced that even the old-fashioned settees which stood in the lecture room had not been paid for. Measures had been taken to have them removed by the cabinet-maker in default of payment, but this was fortunately averted by the timely action of some of the members of the church council.

With everything to discourage us we reorganized the Sunday school, gradually collected some of the scattered membership, and found our congregation increasing slowly but surely Sabbath after Sabbath.

A more hard-working, loyal, and sympathetic board of trustees never gathered around a pastor. We made slow but sure progress, feeling that if we could finish our church without too great an incumbrance resting upon it, our success would be assured. In this crisis Mr. George Utermehle promised to advance the money to finish the upper part of the building, and the pastor agreed to go out among other churches to collect the sum needed to repay this loan.

Supplying his pulpit during his protracted absence, he canvassed for weary months in the large country charges of Maryland and Pennsylvania, riding hundreds of miles on horseback, during winter storms and summer heat. With the hearty coöperation of the pastors of the different churches, he visited from house to house among these rural parishioners, and was successful in collecting a large amount for those days. This sum aided largely in liquidating the pressing obligations resting on the church.

Then came the glad day of dedication, with Drs. Morris and Conrad in the pulpit and a congregation filling every inch of space in the church. There were present the President of the United States, some members of the Cabinet and of Congress, and other dignitaries of the land.

With hearts beating with gratitude to God, we dedicated St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Now our success seemed assured, but the work was to be carried on by other hands, for it was at this time that the pastor, suffering from the effect of overwork, succumbed to several attacks of vertigo, and on two occasions he was overcome in the pulpit. After consultation with several physicians their decision made his resignation imperative, and with a sad heart he bade adieu to St. Paul's and Washington City.

Throughout the long period intervening since his connection with St. Paul's Church, so suddenly terminated, the writer's thoughts have lingered often and lovingly over these memories of long ago, and the realization of her present success and growth seems but a glad fruition of his dreams, hopes, and prayers for the church of his early ministry.

Rev. Dr. Butler, Third Pastor.

The ten minutes kindly assigned me in the program of the evening furnish scarcely more than time for the bow of an ex-pastor, whose ministry in St. Paul's extended from 1849 to 1873. Our venerable friend, Doctor Morris, yet in his vigor—and long may his bow abide in strength—has for all the fifty years of your history been a foster father. My good brother Graeff, my own predecessor, and myself were but nurses to the infant St. Paul's, in whose jubilee we all so heartily rejoice to-night. When I remember the burden he laid down in 1849 because of failing health, and the burdens that I, in my inexperience tried to carry, it is not surprising that his health gave way under the heavy load. It is of God's great mercy that I was made strong for this infant nurture. True, forty years ago the building had been completed, but a debt of some six thousand dollars was a legacy too heavy for the handful of people whose names will ever be embalmed in my heart. This was my first love, and my heart was sympathetic and responsive to faithfulness and kindness. The names of Finckel, and Noerr, and Roemmelle, and Woodward, and Linkins, and Kinchy, and Eberbach, and Weaver, and Tschiffely, most of whom have been gathered to the fathers, are names but for whose steadfastness of faith this church had died more than forty years ago.

The munificent salary of \$400 a year was all they could promise, and this church has always paid what it promised. My regret now is that in the second year of my pastorate I accepted an addition of \$100 from the home mission fund of the Synod. With my present experience I would not accept it, but would trust our kind people and the Lord. It is well for pastor and people to struggle together. That is the law of the Kingdom.

The inexperience of the young pastor, the comparative poverty of the few people who worshipped here, and the odium that too often attaches to our Lutheran name by those who do not know the history of the great Protestant Church bearing the name of Luther, were not especially helpful to the infant St. Paul's. We had outgrown the tallow dips and had advanced to oil lamps not much better, and soon found it necessary to introduce gas, which in our poverty was no easy task. Soon the dingy church with its immense pulpit needed renovation and improvement.

At our first communion, I remember 25 persons kneeled at the Lord's table. The Sunday school, though not large, was vigorous, and the weekly prayer service was revived and continues to the present.

The debt was gradually reduced and finally paid, and the very comfortable parsonage adjoining the church was built and paid for.

Born fifty years ago, St. Paul's had its second birth in 1861, amid the throes which brought a new life to the nation in whose beautiful and growing capital we live. The pulpit of this church when the nation's life was threatened gave no uncertain sound for freedom and the old flag. St. Paul's soon became too small for the men and women drawn to Washington that the nation's life might be saved. It is one of the most cherished memories of my heart that no uncertain

sound during these dark days ever was heard in this house of the Lord. New life as well as increased revenues came to St. Paul's. Never asking for an increase of salary, if my memory be correct, the people voluntarily appropriated \$2,000 a year to my support, whilst the congregation became one of the most liberal in sustaining the boards of the church and the work of the Kingdom. None of the churches in the city entered more heartily into the daily union prayer meeting, begotten of God, as a preparation for the baptism of blood so soon to follow, than did St. Paul's.

The Church of the Reformation, of which Rev. Dr. Parson is now the able pastor, was born in 1869 in a little Sunday school housed in the hospitable home of Mrs. Lucille Morrell, at present a member of the Memorial Church. At about the same time was planted the little seed which has since grown into the Memorial Church.

In 1873 the pastor of St. Paul's severed his connection and gave himself to the work of gathering a congregation in the northwest part of the city.

None of you enter more fully than I into the joy of this jubilee. The pastors of St. Paul's, and of the Church of the Reformation, and of the Memorial, and even of the Keller Memorial, and of the Fatherland, and of St. Mark's, preach to more people on the Lord's Day in their respective churches than did the then pastor of St. Paul's for a long time after the beginning of his pastorate. What hath God wrought!

St. Paul's, occupying this central position, needs enlargement. Why not remove your parsonage, and build here at the old corner of 11th and H a magnificent church? Do it, and God will bless you.

Rev. H. B. Belmer's Pastorate.

On account of the unavoidable absence of Rev. Mr. Belmer from the anniversary exercises, his paper was presented by the pastor of the church at the Sunday evening's services.

Rev. H. B. Belmer's Pastorate in St. Paul's Church, Washington, D. C., from January 1st, 1873, to October 1st, 1874.

As a former pastor it naturally devolves on me to take some share in these fiftieth-year festivities, and first of all I want to congratulate old St. Paul's on having reached this point. I say "old St. Paul's," not simply because it is fifty years old, for fifty years is not so great an age for a church organization; but we use the word as some young man, buoyant with pristine vigor, will apply it to a dear friend whom he greets with the salutation, "How are you, old fellow?"—using it as a term of endearment, and not a designation of age at all. To-day, with tender affection, we say "OLD St. Paul's," not merely in view of the actual years it numbers in its history, but in view of its *position* and *relation* to the other Lutheran churches in the city. For this is indeed THE OLD CHURCH, out of which the others have sprung. And it so happened that my pastorate came at the very time when some of these organizations, or colonies, from old St. Paul's were just getting under way. The Church of the Reformation had already been organized; that of the Memorial Church was made in the first months of my pastorate.

Others to-day will doubtless give you a connected history of the church from its beginning to the present time. It will be proper for me to give the facts of the short period covered by my pastorate, history of which I myself was a part, and which, therefore, is imbedded

in my memory. And it will be the more proper for me to do this because the congregation to-day is largely made up of persons not connected with St. Paul's at that time, partly the children of the older members of that time, partly the ingathering from the ever-changing population of the Capital City. While some of the then leading members remain as pillars or substantial helpers, hundreds of others have been received since then. And both on their account, as well as to call up the past in the minds of the older members, let us rehearse some of the facts of that pastorate which began January 1st, 1873, and ended October 1st, 1874.

In December, 1872, I was invited by your then Pastor, Rev. Dr. J. G. Butler, to become associated with him in the pastorate of St. Paul's Church, to assist in carrying on services both in the old church and in the Memorial Chapel, which had already been built, while the walls of the main church building were then some eight or ten feet high. Services had already been held in the Memorial Chapel for some time, Rev. W. E. Parson having assisted Dr. Butler in these services, and also on Capitol Hill, in the Church of the Reformation. It became my duty to preach alternately with your pastor in St. Paul's and in the Memorial Chapel. In the spring of that year, 1873, the memorial congregation was organized by Dr. Butler. While only some forty withdrew from St. Paul's to form the original memorial church organization, in the course of a few months many others followed, altogether to the number of about eighty, to cast in their lot with the new organization. The pastor of St. Paul's, Dr. Butler, was elected pastor of the Memorial Church, and offered his resignation as pastor of St. Paul's Church, which was accepted, and Rev. H. B. Belmer, the assistant pastor, was elected to become full pastor, from April 1st, 1873.

The division of the church, the going out of the

memorial colony, proved a critical period to St. Paul's, for the outgoing colony included some of the best and most active working force of the old church. The division of a church is always a critical event, either to the old church or to the new organization, or to both, because of the weakening of the forces, or the liability of misunderstanding; and generally some time is required, it may be but a few months, it may be years, till the congregations can adapt themselves to the new conditions. If the outgoing colony is but a small part of the whole church, the effect may not be severely felt; but if, as in this case, about half the most active working force goes out, it is a shock to the church from which it requires some time to recover. While numerically nearly twice as many remained as withdrew, yet those familiar with the history of this outgoing from St. Paul's will agree that fully half of the most vigorous working force went with the Memorial colony.

However, we who remained did the best we could under the circumstances, striving not only to maintain the regular work as it had been carried forward, but seeking to put into it our best vigor and energy to fill up again the depletion and regain what had been lost. It was to be expected that we should notice and feel the thinning of our ranks in the church and Sunday school, and probably a feeling of depression was at times the inevitable result. It is easy to feel confident and jubilant under growth and success, but it is still easier to feel discouragement under decrease or lack of looked-for increase and desired success.

Something of this feeling prompted the pastor to offer his resignation in April, 1874, after only a fifteen-months' pastorate. This was done in order that he might not stand in the way of the largest possible success which might be attained under the most efficient leadership. The resignation offered to the council was submitted

by them to the congregation for action, which refused to accept it, and gave assurance of confidence in the pastor, and hearty coöperation with him in the work. The congregational meeting which refused to accept the resignation also asked immediate assurance of the pastor that he would remain, which, in view of the expression of confidence and the earnest desire of the congregation, he felt constrained to do.

The work went forward for a season without any incident requiring mention; but in September, 1874, the pastor felt that it was wisest to resign, and insisted that now the resignation be accepted, the pastorate closing October 1, 1874, embracing a year and three-quarters of labor.

When the resignation had been accepted, the one important and anxious question was, "Whom can we secure at this juncture for a pastor?"

As the retiring pastor and the council had always been in the fullest accord and harmony, the brethren naturally asked his advice and assistance. Two courses were open to the church, either to secure a young and inexperienced man at such salary as the diminished congregation could easily pay, or to look for a man of more commanding ability and position, though it might require some special effort to raise the requisite salary. The retiring pastor's very decided advice was to take the latter course, and he suggested as a successor Rev. S. Domer, of Shamokin, Pa. This brother was promptly elected pastor, accepted, came, took hold of the work vigorously and judiciously, and has brought the church into its present condition of prosperity.

But while to-day all is confident success, yet your present pastor can look back and tell you of the discouragements of the first year or two of his work, till the tide began to turn and the crisis was past. And while in the historic account of my own pastorate I have

no brilliant success of which to boast, to-day I take great satisfaction in having assisted the council and church of St. Paul's in making this choice of pastor, and heartily congratulate you on the well-nigh a score of years of successful work done under his leadership.

At this point I may fitly close my historic sketch with the assurance that the short and trying pastorate of less than two years often passes for review before my mind, and also with the assurance that those with whom I here wrought in the work in that trying time are not forgotten but most kindly remembered, and that my prayer for them and for the whole membership of St. Paul's is that you may be faithful unto death and receive a crown of life.

Some who then were with us have already entered into their reward. While they were with us in health and strength we expected and found them in their places of work and worship. Some of them could go back to the early and most trying experiences of this church. They had seen the clouds lift and brighter days come. But where they now are it is brighter day than the best that dawns on any soul or church on earth. We are sure that after their godly life on earth, when they dropped out of their places in old St. Paul's in Washington, they found places prepared for them in the general assembly and church of the first-born in heaven to sing and worship and triumph alongside of that glorious Paul after whom their earthly church had been named. Many of you still tenderly cherish their memory, both because of natural and spiritual ties. As they were dear to you on earth, so are they still in heaven. Your love for them can not die. Their love for you is more glowing and glorious than when they were still with you in the body. The relationship of love you sustained to them can never be blotted out. Kinship, friendship, is eternal, and the communion of saints on

earth is but a foretaste of the communion of saints before the throne of God. And it may be that for those who wrought together in church membership on earth, God has some united and common work in heaven. Let us live such a life and so walk by faith that as the redeemed of God and dear personal friends we shall clasp hands again as members of God's glorious church in heaven.

Rev. Dr. W. E. Parson, Church of the Reformation.

It affords me great pleasure to bring a word of greeting to this jubilee occasion.

I come from the Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill. The church which I serve began as a mission of St. Paul's. I recall very well the early days when we began to lay the foundations. It was on this wise: During the meeting of the General Synod in Washington, in 1869, Dr. Butler, then pastor of St. Paul's, said to me: "Will you not come to Washington to do some work during the summer?" I was then a student at Gettysburg. The result was that I came to preach in the summer vacation.

This was the first attempt I made at preaching, and was doubtless a very thin diet, but it was the best the untrained theologian knew how to give at that time.

I recall also the feeling of relief with which I gave up my work at the end of the summer. My sermons were all preached, and I went back to Gettysburg to the theological seminary to learn how to make more sermons.

But on reaching Gettysburg I found that a call had been sent to me to become the assistant pastor. The faculty giving their consent, I returned to Washington to take up the work as a permanency.

This comes to us here to-night that the pastorate in our Lutheran churches is no itinerancy. Here is Dr. Butler, who has been more than forty years in Washington. Here is Dr. Morris, who has been more than fifty years in Baltimore. Here is Dr. Domer, who has been nearly twenty years in this pulpit; and your speaker has never had any congregation but the one which he now serves. Some one asked me the other day how long our ministers remained at one place. I replied: "*For life or good behaviour.*"

Out of that assistant pastorate has grown the Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill. Two of us kept three churches alive for some years. Dr. Butler preached in the morning at St. Paul's, and at night in the Memorial. I preached in the morning on Capitol Hill, and at night in St. Paul's. Thus each outpost had one service a day, and at the old hive there were two services.

Chronologically, St. Paul's is the oldest; then comes the Memorial, in which preaching began in 1868; then Capitol Hill, in 1869. The organization in both churches came later.

The old mother church ought to feel very much elated this evening as the daughters gather again to recount their struggles and successes. We on Capitol Hill could give a tale of dark days, discouragements, succeeded by bright experiences as the various boards of the church came to our relief. Once we had an old barracks for a church, the whole outfit of so little value that we sold it for sixty dollars when we abandoned the site. The man who made the purchase refused to hold the building, and it was subsequently condemned by the Health Department, and torn down as a nuisance. To-day we have a property worth not less than forty thousand dollars. This will give the younger people in our churches some idea of the tribulations through which some of us have passed.

But we are all of one household of faith to-night, and we come to bring our congratulations to the mother of us all. Our prayer is that we may be a united church in this capital city. May no petty rivalries disturb our congregations. Let us provoke each other only in the way Paul suggests, to love and to good works.

I must say good night !

The relations between the pastor of St. Paul's and the pastor of the Church of the Reformation have always been of the most pleasant and fraternal character. They could not be otherwise, while your pastor holds out the cordial hand he has always extended. I am free to say if any break could come it must be some one else's fault than his.

May God bless St. Paul's, her pastor, and congregation !

Reminiscences by Rev. Henry C. Grossman, A. M.

I am not quite certain as to the year I became associate pastor of St. Paul's as assistant to Dr. Butler. I think it was in 1868-1869. I had not been in the ministry very long, and had but little experience. I shall never forget my first sermon on Sunday morning after my arrival. I was nearly scared to death. The church was crowded. In the audience were many noble heads and persons of prominence. Hon. Schuyler Colfax, then one of the most popular men in the country, sat with his family in a pew near the pulpit.

I took as my text Exodus 33 : 180, "I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory." Fortunately I had a good many points, and when I found my mind would not work on one, I dropped it and took up another, and so filled in the time, but I could never remember how I got through.

Some years after, when I was pastor at Constantine, Michigan, Hon. Colfax came to our town to lecture. I

took him out driving, and in the evening introduced him to the audience. I reminded him of my embarrassment in St. Paul's, and he remembered my preaching, and then comforted me very much by saying, "I do not think you had a more appreciative hearer than myself."

One of the things that impressed me was the cosmopolitan character of the members and congregation. They were of various nationalities, and from all the States of the Union. Many of them were prominent and influential people—all were grand and noble friends of the church. They were united in peace, love, and work, and I suppose hundreds have gone out to the old world and the States of the Union bearing with them a high opinion of and love for the Lutheran Church because of their connection with St. Paul's. They were drawn to the church by its liberal spirit, affection for Dr. Butler, and the unaffected sociability that characterized the people.

St. Paul's was noted for the many Union services held there. Everybody felt at home, and other churches cheerfully joined in services as a common meeting place for all christians. In preaching, services, church love, benevolence, and spirit, St. Paul's was always a loyal Lutheran Church.

I shall never forget the socials held in the basement of the church. There was music and enjoyment. Everybody seemed to be there trying to make everybody happy without respect to persons. Gen. Ekin, Brother Pratt, and others moved about to see that everybody was noticed. Sandwiches and coffee were served in winter and ice cream in summer.

What precious meetings of all kinds were held in St. Paul's, and all of them were pervaded by deep spirituality and the sweet spirit of christian sociability. I was a member of the Sunday school. I shall never

forget the earnestness, zeal, loving spirit, and splendid work of the school. It was a large and live school. No one can forget the lovable, gentle, childlike, white-haired Brother Pratt, the superintendent, a successful Sunday-school worker. The officers and teachers were a splendid band. The teachers' meetings, Sunday-school anniversaries and entertainments, the emblems, the services, the children and young people, not excelled anywhere, will linger in memory a joy forever. If I am not mistaken, Brother Alden, your successful present superintendent, was then a young man in the Sunday school. At any rate, I recognize his name and others as familiar names.

Whilst I was connected with St. Paul's I served as superintendent of an afternoon school in a German church on the Island, which was under the fostering care of St. Paul's. Mrs. Morrell, a devoted member of St. Paul's, being an invalid at the time, became interested in the neglected children of the street, and organized a Sunday school in her parlors. Out of this grew the Church of the Reformation, so successful under Dr. Parsons. When the Sunday school outgrew its space it was necessary to provide other quarters for it and the church that was already gathering. By the earnest and faithful efforts of Dr. Butler, seconded by Gen. Ekin and the people of St. Paul's, abandoned barracks were bought from the United States Government. These were removed to leased lots, and neat audience and Sunday-school rooms were built. Dr. Butler, assisted by Prof. Cyrus Thomas and myself, dedicated the church. I preached some sermons in this cozy chapel. Thus the Church of the Reformation was founded. This church and the Memorial are children of St. Paul's.

It was my good fortune to suggest the name of Dr. Parsons to Dr. Butler as my successor. I wrote him a

strong, personal letter, which I think had an important bearing in his consenting to respond to Dr. Butler's appeal. Out of this grew his connection with St. Paul's, his connection with the Japanese Embassy and the University at Tokio, and his subsequent successful and grand work in Washington. I congratulate myself in having a small part in the precious work done by this right man in the right place. May the Lord more and more bless him !

I could mention by name the many kind friends I remember in St. Paul's. My pen would never cease recording their constant kindness.

My stay was very pleasant, and it was a comfort I can never forget as I came to St. Paul's out of the shadows of a great sorrow. I will always cherish the delightful associations in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Butler and his family. I also cherish the delightful associations in the home of Brother Weaver, where I roomed, and the many homes of St. Paul's. Space fails me to write of all these and much more I remember.

I must mention that I received my first library from friends in St. Paul's. After the death of Rev. Mr. Ebeling they purchased from his mother the library and presented it to me.

Space does not permit me to refer to all the work done by St. Paul's. It spans time and eternity, and has no limit. How wonderful and grand it has been, is now, and ever will be ! All this will no doubt be told at your happy gathering as the history of St. Paul's is repeated. I have only hinted at a few things and have not confined myself to my own personal association with St. Paul's, but have viewed the wonderful history of the church from the beginning until now. Under Dr. Domer, St. Paul's has moved on to larger successes, and in all things and all departments it is now a rejuvenated church, and is younger than ever, and more successful.

Under his ministry she faces the future with glowing hope and brightest prospects.

God bless Dr. Domer and all the dear people, youth and children of St. Paul's! May your anniversary be a feast of fat things, a royal entertainment, with the presence of the King and His blessing, and be a fore-taste to you and future generations, to the end of time, of grander success and joy to come.

Rev. H. S. Cook, Waynesboro, Pa.

Away back in my seminary days, almost twenty-five years ago, I had the honor of serving as associate pastor of St. Paul's for two months, from July 8 to September 10, 1868. I well remember with what fear and trembling I entered upon the work, and how kindly the people of St. Paul's bore with my inexperience—I, a fledgling of 23 years, having just finished the middle year of the seminary course at Gettysburg. Vividly do I recall the deep impression made on my mind by the earnestness and unction of the sermons and addresses of the then pastor, Rev. Dr. Butler, and the very evident esteem and love cherished for him by his people. They had just voted him (on account of much impaired health) six months' leave of absence and money to pay the bills. However, he was only absent during the heated term for comparatively short periods of recuperation at Berkeley Springs, W. Va., and Somerset, Pa.

On my first Sunday in Washington, July 12, at 3.30 p. m., I was present and spoke at the organization of the Sunday school in the newly-dedicated Memorial Chapel, by A. S. Pratt, Esq. There were one hundred present.

I found in the St. Paul's of twenty-five years ago an earnest and devoted band of consecrated workers.

There was a delightful spirit of Christian love and zeal pervading the church. The fifteen minutes' prayer meeting of teachers and officers just before the convening of the school was one of the most precious services I have ever attended. Among the most active I recall the names of Mr. West, Mr. McClellan, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Enderle, Mr. Tilton, Mr. Ryneal, Mr. Noerr, Mr. A. S. Pratt, and others, including many women. Mr. A. S. Pratt was a most efficient Sunday-school superintendent, and with his son, Mr. J. C. Pratt, I was frequently associated in city prison work and open-air meetings in Capitol Park, and on the Avenue in connection with the Y. M. C. A.

It was a part of my duty to conduct the Thursday evening lectures at 8 o'clock, preceded by teachers' meeting from 7 to 8, usually led by the superintendent. On Sunday I usually taught in both Sunday schools, and preached at St. Paul's in the morning at 11 o'clock and at Memorial Chapel in the evening at 8 o'clock.

Many interesting incidents, mostly pleasant, but some otherwise, connected with my short sojourn in Washington have impressed themselves on my memory. All in all, it was a very pleasant and profitable episode in my life. How different my life might have been had I yielded to Dr. Butler's solicitations that I forego my third year's studies in the seminary and continue with him as associate pastor for a year! But duty seemed to forbid.

Ever since that delightful summer's association with the good people of St. Paul's, I have felt a deep interest in the welfare of the mother church of Lutheranism in Washington, as well as in her daughters and grand-daughters. May God's blessing rest upon the whole family evermore, is my prayer.

Greeting from F. W. Conrad, D. D., Editor "Lutheran Observer."

PHILADELPHIA, *April 12th, 1893.*

Rev. SAMUEL DOMER, D. D.

DEAR BROTHER: I thank you for your kind invitation to attend the jubilee anniversary of St. Paul's Church on next Sabbath, but regret that the state of my health will prevent my enjoying the great pleasure it would afford me to be present on the happy occasion.

I have been deeply interested in St. Paul's Church from the beginning, and during its entire history. I participated in the services of its dedication, under the pastorate of my life-long friend and brother, Mr. Graeff, who, I am glad to learn, will be present at your anniversary. He labored successfully in the earliest and most difficult period of its establishment, and I recall some pleasant incidents of its dedication.

President James K. Polk and his accomplished wife, with Mr. Buchanan, his Secretary of State; General Van Ness, who donated the lot on which the church is built, and a number of prominent civil and military officers of the Government were present and made liberal contributions for the church in response to the appeal made in its behalf.

I had the pleasure also of participating in the services of the re-opening, when the church had been refitted and beautified by the congregation, under your own successful pastorate, and I recall the occasion with much interest and pleasure.

Hoping that your approaching jubilee will be attended with great joy to yourself and the entire congregation, and praying that God may continue to bless your ministrations and prosper the congregation, I remain, sincerely yours, in Christ,

F. W. CONRAD.

**Greeting from Rev. S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary
Home Missions.**

Rev. SAMUEL DOMER, D. D., Pastor St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Washington, D. C.; Mr. LUCIUS D. ALDEN, Supt. Sunday School, the OFFICERS and MEMBERS, *Greeting:*

Dearly beloved in the work of our blessed Lord and the great church into which he has called us, "grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Hearty congratulations to pastor, officers, congregation, and Sunday school.

"I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus; that in everything ye were enriched in Him in all utterance and all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you; so that you come behind in no gift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ."

It would be to me a real joy to meet with you in the thanksgiving and gladness of the coming anniversary week, but having been East so recently, and having engagements and work enough this week for three men, the pleasure of being present in person must be given up. In spirit and thought and rejoicing I will be with you, and

"Though sundered far, by faith we'll meet
Around one common mercy seat."

My relations with St. Paul's, its pastors, Sunday-school superintendent, and people, have been very precious, and in some respects *closer* than with our other congregations. In the spring of 1862 I was a sort of assistant to Dr. Butler, at that time the pastor, and very frequently in the pulpit and Sunday school.

My sermons, I imagine, were very weak, excepting that they did have in them "the glorious gospel" as plainly preached by our beloved church. During the week I ministered, as an aid or help to Dr. Butler, in the Lincoln and Georgetown hospitals, of which he was then chaplain, and on Sunday taught a class in the Sunday school and preached one of the sermons. Brother Pratt, whose genial face comes before me as I write, was then superintendent of the Sunday school, and prominent in every good Lutheran work.

Under the ministry of your present highly-esteemed pastor, and the superintendency of your beloved and efficient superintendent, Brother Alden, the bonds—if such a thing could be—have even been strengthened by your deep and abiding and helpful interest in our great home mission work. "St. Paul's of Washington, D. C.," was one of the first Sunday schools to undertake the support of a missionary in the home field, and the blessed results of that undertaking will not be fully known until the books are opened and the dead, small and great, stand before God. So you see I have great reason to be interested in St. Paul's, and to rejoice in all her prosperity and advancement. Our Father grant you a great anniversary feast—a realization of your highest hopes and fondest expectations.

It is a privilege to live in this age, and in this period of our dear Lutheran church; and even better days are coming. Our Father is bringing forth great blessings. As was said of a great movement years ago, I can say of our dear church. In some moments it pleases God to give me, I think I discern arising beyond the present clouds of our divisions that fair form of Lutheranism—God's dear child—whose whole beauty has never yet been fully disclosed. I know her lovely face; that she is divine, I know by her girdle of pure doctrine, by her sceptre of justice and true liberty, and by that atmos-

phere of love that, issuing from her, as light from a star, moves with her more royal than a king's apparel. In this, too, I know her divinity ; that she will bless both friends and enemies, and yield the fullest fruition of blessing to those who now ignorantly slay her, as once her Master gave His life for the salvation of those who slew him.

With much love, truly and gratefully yours,

SAM B. BARNITZ,
Western Secretary.

Greeting from Rev. H. Baker, D. D., of Altoona, Pa.

[This greeting is highly appreciated by the pastor of St. Paul's, because it comes from one who was his own honored pastor forty five years ago.]

DEAR BROTHER DOMER: Pardon me for my seeming indifference to your kind invitation to come to the 50th anniversary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Washington. When I began my letter, my regrets were uppermost in my mind, but my memory is becoming somewhat treacherous, and thus I am sometimes not so prompt and considerate as in years gone by. My dear brother, nothing would have afforded me more pleasure than to have been present with you on so important an occasion as the 50th anniversary of the church of which you have been the honored pastor for almost twenty years.

I was married in the same year in which your church was organized (August 25th, 1843). I have been somewhat acquainted with St. Paul's from the beginning until now. I have filled its pulpit a number of times for Brother Butler and his flock, and several times for its present pastor, the young man of my church many years ago. I might have been able to give you a

talk of ten or fifteen minutes, according to the circumstances of the occasion; but it was out of the question for me to leave home at this time, because I have been greatly afflicted, and am now, with rheumatism. It is quite as much as I can do to go down stairs to my meals. My sleep is much broken. I have not had a good night's rest for a year or more. I am not able to dress and undress myself. I hope it will be better when the warm summer days come along.

How I would like to have met that dear old young man, Dr. Morris, again. I think he is in better condition now than he was some five or six years ago. I would like to see him and Gladstone, of England, shaking hands! The doctor is a wonderful man, and grandly preserved.

Then Brother John E. Graeff is with you also, one of the first pastors of St. Paul's. John is a most excellent man. He has done much good; he has done noble things for the church by his liberal giving to various causes. He has a big and good heart in him; he is a man of the most generous spirit, and enjoys the work of the Lord.

How I do wish to be with you to-day! I am with you in spirit. I see you as a young man yet, standing erect and speaking of the things of the Kingdom to the present congregation. In imagination I see you as pastor, moving around, now here, now there, and everywhere, giving the word of command, in form erect and tall, a little higher than any body else.

I might have told the people what you looked like when I first saw you, and when you took your first lessons in Latin—afterward your first preaching with me on the western slope of the Alleghanies among the lumbermen of the mountains, and where we now have a flourishing congregation as a result. I might have spoken of my preaching for you in your early ministry

in your first charge on the Susquehanna, and years afterward again, in the great capital of this great country.

I regard Washington City as one of the grandest cities on the earth—a glorious place in which to live and to labor. I suppose you are getting yourself and family so mixed up with metropolitan ways and life that you would not feel like leaving, even if you should want to retire from the public ministry. You and your people have been together so long that it would seem unnatural for you to be severed from them. If anything should come to separate you from them as the regular pastor, may you be continued as pastor emeritus for years to come.

God bless you in your jubilee, pastor and people. You are good yet for many years, healthy and vigorous—not like your old pastor, worn out and broken down in consequence of exposure and overwork in earlier years of excessive ministerial toil and travel. There is rest beyond the river.

ALTOONA, PA., *April 17th, 1893.*

MONDAY EVENING.

The Pastoral and Congregational Reception.

This concluded the semi-centennial anniversary celebration of St. Paul's. It was a brilliant occasion. The following account is copied from the *Evening News* of April 18, 1893:

"A pastoral and congregational reception concluded last night the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, which began on Sunday morning last. Fully one thousand people were present and greatly enjoyed the literary and musical programme, which was rendered in the upper part of the armory. An address of welcome was delivered by Dr. S. Domer, the pastor of the church, who had charge of the exercises of the evening, and thus opened the reception. The other speakers of the evening were Rev. Ernest Drewitz, Rev. G. A. Nixdorf, Rev. W. H. Gotwald, Rev. A. Homrighaus, Rev. Charles H. Butler, and Rev. D. E. Wiseman, pastors of various Lutheran churches in the city.

"Mrs. Eulalie Domer Rheem, accompanied by Miss Grace Fox, gave several solos, in which the sweetness and range of her voice were shown to great advantage.

"The quartette, consisting of Miss Sue H. E. Wilson, Mrs. Eulalie Domer Rheem, Mr. Jacob Scharf, and Mr. W. A. Domer, gave a selection which was enthusiastically received. Mr. Al. Mosher, rendered a couple of tenor solos, after which Prof. Dushane Cloward rendered several baritone solos which were greatly enjoyed. Prof. Schroeder's orchestra was also employed for the evening and rendered excellent music, both up-stairs and afterward in the banqueting hall. After the programme and entertainment up-stairs, the crowd adjourned to the banquet room, where a splendid supper was served. The tables were most beautifully supplied

with a great variety of the substantials as well as the luxuries of the season, and they were superbly decorated with flowers and other ornamentation, and the walls were beautifully draped with bunting. The ladies of the congregation supplied and superintended the banquet, and their efforts were a great success. More than one thousand people were entertained and feasted during the evening."

The following outlines of the several addresses are here presented. The speeches were not stenographically reported, and so we give the brief outlines as we have been able to gather them:

Remarks of Rev. G. A. Nixdorf.

Friends and Members of St. Paul's

Evangelical Lutheran Church of this city:

Allow me to congratulate you on this auspicious era commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Fifty years may seem to be a comparatively short period of time, and yet when we consider all the changes which usually occur—the scenes of joy and of sorrow, the depression and encouragements through which a church passes in this space of time—it must be regarded as a matter of considerable importance. We think, too, that when a church has existed and prospered through all these years it is highly befitting that something more than a mere passing notice be taken of such an event.

St. Paul's, in common with other churches, has had a varied experience of sunshine and shadows, until it has attained, through years of toil and of prayer, its present position of prosperity. I have been well acquainted with the history of this church from its organization until the present, and was already engaged in study at Gettysburg, Pa., when it was organized. I have known all of its pastors, and was well acquainted with your

present pastor as an active and highly-esteemed worker in the church in Pennsylvania long before he became the pastor of St. Paul's of this city.

We certainly think that we, as a church, have reason to congratulate ourselves that by the blessing of Almighty God we have been enabled to make such commendable progress in Washington. Other denominations were already pretty fully established when we began, and we have never had a strong Lutheran population from which to draw. In view of these facts, we may well exclaim, in the language of the first telegraph dispatch sent over the wires from Washington to Baltimore, "*What hath God wrought!*"

You will not regard me as being egotistic, I trust, when I say that we think that the Evangelical Lutheran Church, with her glorious history as an advocate of human freedom, sound doctrine, and government conforming so nearly to the government of the United States, has a right to live and prosper under the shadow of the Capitol of this great and free nation.

Permit me, in conclusion, again to congratulate pastor and people upon the success which has attended their united and persevering efforts in the cause of the Master, and especially in the interests of the church of St. Paul. May the success which has attended your past efforts only auger greater success and more extended usefulness in the future; and my most earnest prayer is that the rich blessing of heaven may continue to rest upon pastor and people.

Address by Rev. W. H. Gotwald, St. Mark's Church.

I feel myself highly complimented in being permitted to take a part in these exercises this evening. In doing so, I bring to the pastor and the membership of

St. Paul's Church the earnest and sincere congratulations of one of the youngest Lutheran congregations in Washington.

St. Mark's is here this evening in force to help increase the enthusiasm, and add our mite to the joy of this exceptionally important event.

This anniversary is a conventional period of time in the history of St. Paul's Church,—not a time measured simply by the half century which has rolled away since her organization, but a time measured by faith and prayers and labors and triumphs in the cause of souls and Christ.

This evening the minds of a number of members will revert to the past, and memory, stopping here and there, will gather up delightful reminiscences scattered all along the pathway of the years that are now registered in the past.

Congregational life, like individual life, is conditioned upon contingencies which can neither be anticipated nor averted. It is well that it is so; for to live in constant apprehension of coming experiences would make us miserable and cowardly.

That congregation that lives constantly in truthfulness in God, and that struggles and toils for an existence and growth by its own efforts, and does not appeal for aid to others, is the congregation that keeps within the range of scriptural methods, and shows subjective merit commanding the admiration and commendation of all.

I know of no congregation that has a nobler record of self-reliance than St. Paul's. With the advent of her then new pastor, Rev. Dr. Domer, more than eighteen years ago, new hope and new life began to flow into every avenue of church work. Her own perseverance and her own efforts have brought her up to the

high plane of social, intellectual, financial, and religious status which she occupies this evening.

God has been in her midst all these years, and has crowned her with His loving kindness. Her pastor's learning and eloquence has made the pulpit one of the ablest in the city. His piety and consecration to his holy calling inspired the membership to undertake great things for the Master. The church, so well equipped in all its departments, soon commanded the attention of outsiders, and they came in to see and hear, and were so well pleased that they remained. Some of these are here this evening, but others have gone up and over into the church beyond.

From a handful this congregation has grown to a host; from weakness to strength; from obscurity to publicity; so that to-day the name, St. Paul's Church, is known and revered throughout the entire Lutheran Church, and Lutheran visitors to our city nearly all inquire, "Where is St. Paul's Church?" It can easily be found, for God planted it up here on this hill, to make it, as it is, a light to all around.

From boyhood I have known of this church, and when a student at college I paid my first visit here. But since then I have learned to know you all well, so well as to esteem you, and admire your work. I preached the sermon on the re-opening of your beautiful church on Sunday morning, December 2d, 1888, and quite a number of times since then. It has always been a pleasure for me to be with you.

I bring you this evening the congratulations of St. Mark's Church, one of your daughters—one of your youngest, and sprightliest, and most vigorous, and most self-reliant, and mother-like, and modest daughters. I bring you this evening my own earnest congratulations. I congratulate St. Paul's Church on her modesty. All she does is done quietly and noiselessly. There is

no heralding it abroad by the blast of a great trumpet, calling the attention of the church at large to it. But all is done as becomes christians; for it is done not for the glory of men, but for the glory of God.

As an illustration of this, let me say that recently the Sunday school, through its popular superintendent, Mr. L. D. Alden, had paid to Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt, one hundred dollars towards the pews in our St. Mark's Church, before many knew where the money had come from.

I congratulate St. Paul's on her liberality. This is certainly very generous and deserves special mention.

I congratulate St. Paul's on the number and character of her membership.

I congratulate St. Paul's on the great work she has done through her pulpit, her Sunday school, her prayer-meeting, and the various societies connected with the church. The results of these many and efficient agencies will not all be known until eternity reveals them.

I want to supplement this statement with the remark, that much of the credit for success in all that has been achieved is due to the ladies of the congregation. Not only this church, but every church, has its warmest and truest friend in woman. The choicest and richest offerings of love, of faith, of devotion, of worship, and of sacrifices which are laid upon the church's altars are the offerings of woman's heart and of woman's hands.

I congratulate St. Paul's Church on her growth in Lutheranism. I am glad that I am invited and permitted to say a word for Lutheranism this evening. We all glory in the greatness of the great Lutheran Church—for she is great in her name, great in her devotion to Christ, great in her doctrines, great in her scholarship, great in her numbers, great in her life,

and great in being the mother of every branch of protestantism.

She is scriptural in her doctrines and teachings, and conservative and liturgic in her culture and practice. Our name indicates our creed." But occasionally names are misnomers. Names sometimes misrepresent men, and sometimes men misrepresent names.

Every man should be honest and consistent. The world demands this, and how much more should the Church of Jesus Christ! We can be denominational without being bigoted. Liberalism is a deception and a cloak—an enemy in disguise. It is used by men who endeavor to pose as reformers, but who seek to tear down the buildings which age and experience have reared, and in which our fathers and the generations preceding us have served God, and from them have gone up to that "building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

The charge that our creed and confession are old, and belong in origin to the ages of the past, is true. We admit it. The world is old, too. So is the sun. So are the lesser lights which are hung in the archway of heaven. And yet neither of these have lost any of their glory or utility since the hand of Omnipotence gave them being.

The Bible is old, and yet it has stood the test of the centuries, and drawn good and wise men to its inexhaustible fountains, who drank of its cooling streams; and, invited to roam over its broad fields of pearls, have done so, and have gathered many of those pearls and given them to their children and children's children. This they have done, and we of to-day are the inheritors of their labors.

Christianity is not of modern creation; nor is our Confession. The demands of our times are not for liberalism, nor for a laxity in faith and practice. But the

demand is for a positive religion—a positive declaration and statement of every article of our faith ; a tangible and biblical interpretation of the blessed word of God. Our great Augsburg Confession meets all this demand in every particular. It met the special demand for the remarkable occasion for which it was prepared. And as it gained a triumph for Christ and his truth then, on the 25th day of June, 1530, so it meets the demands of our day, and is gaining triumphs everywhere.

Its achievements have made the corridors of the centuries echo and re-echo with the shouts of victory, sung by all its adherents ; and this shout will be kept up until time ends, and it be broken on the shore of eternity, and be lost in the grand anthem of redemption sung around the mediatorial throne of Christ.

The Augsburg Confession has blessed the world, because the blessing of Christ has rested and is now resting upon it. It is the foundation of the thirty-nine articles of the Episcopal Church, and the foundation of the Westminster confession of the Presbyterian Church, and the foundation of every other biblical confession written or compiled since June, 1530. It antedates all the great declarations of christian doctrines. What a mighty mission it has had ! What a mighty work it has done, is now doing, and will continue to do, until no more souls are to be saved and educated for heaven !

I congratulate you on being a part of a church that embraces within her fold more than 52,000,000 of members ; with more than 7,000,000 adherents in the United States ; and that is preaching the gospel, in this country, in twelve different languages, and worships God in every civilized tongue in the world.

I congratulate you on the progress that historic, conservative Lutheranism is making everywhere. Your record as individuals, and as members of St. Paul's congregation, is a record worthy of public mention ;

and worthy, as an inheritance, to go down to your children and children's children. It is a fifty years' record not only of earth, but a record placed on the pages of God's Book of Remembrance in heaven. It is a record which you will meet again, and which will rejoice your hearts throughout all eternity.

To all of you—

“ Who bear Luther's honored name,
God grant you his grand courage, too !
Then what a splendid corps ye'll be,
At King Emanuel's grand review.”

Remarks of Rev. A. Homrighaus, Pastor of Zion's Church.

“ It is not often we have the privilege of witnessing an occasion like this. I rejoice with you in these festivities, because they chronicle an important event in the history of the Lutheran Church, the mother of protestantism in the world, and a leader of evangelism in this, the capital of the greatest nation of the world.

“ During these festivities fathers, sons, and daughters have answered roll call. It now remains for the grandchildren to bring their tribute. My church is one of the granddaughters of St. Paul's, and for her, and her name, I bring an anniversary greeting on this occasion to the honored grandmother.”

After indulging in a few pleasantries, the speaker concluded : “ Our purpose to-night is to rejoice with you in a full, solid cubic square, all-around church semi-centennial. Long live St. Paul's, named after the great prince of Apostles ! May she continue to bring forth and foster many spiritual children. With others we are here to pay our tribute to her, and to say a hearty God bless you. And now may the God of all consolation,

who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, give you prosperity and peace.”

Remarks of Rev. D. E. Wiseman, Church of Our Redeemer.

Mr. President, Ladies, and Gentlemen :

It affords me much pleasure to be present this evening to enjoy with you this most pleasant and profitable occasion. I bring you greetings from my little mission, the Church of our Redeemer, just beyond the boundary of our city, and bid you God-speed in your future labors for the Master's Kingdom. I am here, also, to thank you for the interest you have at different times taken in our work, by your acts of kindness and words of encouragement.

While it is true we have not done anything very great in that mission, yet we are gratified to know that we have done a little for the Master's Kingdom. It has often been said to me that I am wasting my time trying to make Lutherans out of the colored people. This, my friends, is a mistake. The colored people are like all other people—you can make anything out of them under heaven.

In the Danish Islands of the West Indies are to be found many loyal colored sons and daughters of Luther. As an Anglo-West Indian, I pray that you do something for the colored people that are in your midst. Educated, they will prove a blessing and power; uneducated, a shame to the country.

Now, Mr. President, allow me to congratulate you and your people upon this, your fiftieth anniversary. You have doubtless made wonderful progress. I admire the Lutheranism of the churches of Washington, as also

the class of ministers who serve at the altars. You have shown yourselves men, in the fullest sense of the word. My stay among you has been pleasant. I have been made welcome wherever I have met with you. On the streets, in the churches, in the synod, in your homes, your recognition has been that of manhood and not of color.

May God's blessings rest richly upon you.

Remarks of Rev. C. H. Butler, of Keller Memorial Church.

In response to your kind invitation, I am present this evening to mingle my congratulations and good wishes with the many already extended. It is in a dual capacity that I am here: first, as a son and former pupil of St. Paul's, and then as pastor of the youngest Lutheran Church in the city.

As a son, I bring my wreath of affection and love, and place it upon the brow of St. Paul's, the mother of English Lutheranism in the capital of the nation. It was in the parsonage next door that I was born, and there and in the school and church adjoining my early steps were directed in God's ways. There I lived through childhood and early youth, and those years taken from my life would make a large gap. There, too, it was, I believe, I was born again, though not uniting with the church until several years after the Memorial was organized. Thus, as a son and former pupil, I bring greetings, and wish you God speed.

I rejoice for the many boys and girls taught and led in the ways of righteousness and pleasantness through your instrumentality during the half century of St. Paul's existence; for the many sons and daughters who have yielded their hearts to the wooings of the Spirit, and have become sons and daughters of God. May your hold upon the young broaden and strengthen, and your

influence widen, ever remembering that "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

But also as pastor of the Keller Memorial, I greet you. A noteworthy coincidence may be mentioned. When the young preacher, Rev. J. G. Butler, my father, came to Washington in 1849 to assume the pastorate of the struggling St. Paul's, he found a home under the hospitable christian roof of the late Rev. Dr. S. D. Finckel. Mrs. Finckel was a Keller, a niece of Dr. Benjamin Keller, for whom the church I am serving was named. It is also interesting and encouraging to know that the Keller Memorial to-day is stronger than was St. Paul's then, and its outlook brighter than that of the young church of fifty years ago. I bespeak your kindly sympathy and help in our work.

During these years St. Paul's has stood for God, for right, and for humanity. She has wrought and spoken for human liberty and the integrity of the union. We can see for ourselves some of the fruits of these years of labor, of self-sacrifice and devotion to God. But their sum who can reckon?

May the coming years be even better and greater and richer than those that are gone. Consider the golden age to be still before you. Think not the victory yet won nor the race yet finished. Forget the good and inspiring of your past history, lest you see no further need for work; lose sight, also, of the bad and dispiriting, whatever there has been, lest your hands be paralyzed. But strengthening her stakes, and lengthening her cords, and widening her scope, may St. Paul's, with pastor and people, "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." And may God give to you wisdom and grace and strength to grasp the future, which is big with promise for Him, for the church, and for humanity.

Remarks of Rev. Ernst Drewitz.

I am honored by the invitation to take a part in these exercises, and am pleased in being present at this anniversary of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church. My gratification on this occasion has a two-fold explanation: First, I am here as the representative of the mother church, and as such I bring greetings of love and good will to the precious daughter whose history of fifty years has been written out in the Gospel work and ecclesiastical progress which she has accomplished during these years. A mother ought to be proud of her children, and especially so when these children have profited by their home training and in after years reflect the glory and honor of the mother.

The mother church and the daughter church are to-night clasping hands in mutual regard, renewing the associations of former years, and standing together in bonds of love which the spirit of christianity begets and inspires—bonds of love that should last forever. I am gratified for another reason: In this reunion I stand as the representative of the Germans. The Lutheran Church, as everybody knows, is of Germanic origin. In the reformation of the sixteenth century, Luther, the great Teuton, was called to the front in the great leadership of that movement, which, starting in Germany, has spread all over the world. Teutonic in origin, the reformation has become Titanic in power and progress; and as inheritors of the grand legacy of freedom and of truth, we ought to be proud of the achievements of the fathers of the church. As a German, and the representative of the Germans, I bring you these greetings of love from the German side of our beloved church, believing that you as an English-speaking congregation will always be ready to acknowledge what our church owes in honor and high regard to

the Germans who have been so prominent in the leadership of religious and scientific thought in the world, and proud of the Germanic origin which God has given to the Protestantism of the world.

This sort of pride is not self-glorification, nor is it meant to be anything of this sort. It is simply the grateful acknowledgment of unutterable blessings which the great Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, has been pleased to give to the world through the agency of our fathers in the glorious Fatherland, chosen of God in their age and generation, in His wisdom and goodness, as the best in time and place and personality to give the new light to the coming generations of mankind. We should be pleased, because it pleased God so to bring the reformation into fact and form and magnificent development.

We need to remember also that Lutheranism is not merely a name. It means freedom of thought, as well as freedom from sin. The doctrine of "justification by faith alone" is only the keynote of that system which takes the Word of God as "the only infallible rule of faith and practice," and to which it makes its final appeal, as Luther did in the great convention at the city of Worms. The glory of "the truth as it is in Jesus," is the glory for which Luther contended, for which he lived, in which he died; and this glory now shining forth, not in the German language only, but in all the "babbling tongues" of earth—this is the glory for which we are to stand, the glory which we are to magnify, as a church of the Lord Jesus Christ forever.

[As Rev. Mr. Drewitz's address was not written out nor stenographically reported, we can only give this imperfect sketch of it. Although accustomed to speak only in German, yet he delivered his address in the English language with much force and accuracy.]

PART II.



HISTORY

OF

St. Paul's English Lutheran

SUNDAY SCHOOL,

From the Period of its Organization to the Semi-
Centennial in 1893.



Extended to July, 1893, Inclusive.

HISTORY OF

St. Paul's English Lutheran Sunday School

FROM THE PERIOD OF ITS ORGANIZATION TO THE
SEMI-CENTENNIAL IN 1893.

Prepared by the Pastor to include the year 1877, and by the Superintendent for the period from 1878 to July, 1893, inclusive.

We speak of the church and Sunday school in a unitary sense. The Sunday school is simply an important department of the church, and not a separate and divisive organization. In harmony with all the other organizations, such as the Ladies' Aid, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Young People's Societies, the Sunday school is an essential and important part of the system which a well-organized church or congregation employs in carrying forward the work which the Master has committed to His people for the extension of His kingdom in the world.

The Sunday school has been called the "church's right arm" for power and usefulness—and justly so, because in this form she reaches out her hand of culture and care, of sympathy and love, of prayer and blessing toward the children of the kingdom, that they may be trained for the Lord's service in the morning of life, and early learn to know Him, whose they are, and to whom they are to belong in time and beyond. A history of a congregation would, consequently, be unpardonably defective if it did not give the Sunday school department an important place in its pages. Years ago this depart-

ment of church work was much less emphasized and employed than now. Fifty years ago Sunday-school work was in a comparatively primitive condition. The progress of the church is perhaps in no other direction more manifest than in this, of Sunday-school expansion, extension, and evolution. The advancement is almost revolution. Helps, agencies, methods of instruction, church literature, architecture, science, and art, the multiplied forces, material, social, intellectual, and spiritual, all combine in proof of the importance of the Sunday-school movements of the church, and of the wonderful changes which have marked the ecclesiastical history of the past century—of the past *half* century.

St. Paul's English Lutheran Sunday School.

The endeavor to give the history of our Sunday school is met with serious embarrassment. The beginnings were of course small ; but the want of records, except in incidental forms, makes it impossible to arrive at complete accuracy in our review of those early years. We are compelled to be satisfied with such facts as we can gather from the meager sources that are at our command. The first organization was formed in the autumn or early winter of 1842 in the city hall. The pastor, Dr. Muller, appears as superintendent. The first teachers were David Fowble, Frederick S. Kern, Mrs. Roemmele, and Miss Mary Woodward. Mr. Fowble seems to have been the first treasurer, as well as one of the first teachers. At a later period, March, 1843, we find the same general organization, with the addition of Mr. Henry Grieb as a teacher, and Mr. Andrew Noerr, then a boy of fourteen years of age, as librarian. The enrollment of the Sunday school at this time was about 45 or 50.

From 1843 to 1846 the following additional names were added to the teaching force as reported by Mr.

Graeff when he became pastor: Miss Adelaide De Saules, now Mrs. Boothman; Miss Annie Miller, now Mrs. Spier; Miss Louise Moore, now Mrs. McCreary; Miss Mary Woodward, now Mrs. Linkins, continued from the first. The officers of the school, as far as we can learn, were about as follows:

First superintendent at organization, Rev. Mr. Muller; second superintendent, from 1846 to 1848, Rev. J. E. Graeff, the second pastor. Following the Rev. Mr. Graeff, the succession is approximately the following: Mr. J. G. Weaver, from 1848 to 1858; Mr. George W. Sharretts, from 1858 to 1860; Mr. Lewis Heyl, from 1860 to 1863; Mr. A. S. Pratt, from 1863 to 1873; Mr. Joseph Enderle, from 1873 to 1874; Mr. George W. Linkins, acting superintendent in 1875 and 1877; Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, superintendent in 1877 and 1878; Mr. Lucius D. Alden, from July 1, 1878, to the present time.

The secretaries of the school have been as follows: Capt. S. E. Thomason, Fred. W. Pratt, Albert F. Fox, Harry C. Davis, Clarence B. Rheem, B. Frank Meyers, Wm. A. Domer, and J. Granville Meyers, present secretary.

Treasurers: David Fowble, Andrew Noerr, J. Henry Kuehling, George Ryneal, Jr., from 1863 to 1873; Albert F. Fox, from 1873 to 1893, the present treasurer.

Librarians: Andrew Noerr, Samuel Davis, Alonzo Weaver, Luther E. Burkett, George F. Muth, Charles Webel, Charles S. Domer, Charles H. Ourand, William P. Belt, and George R. Linkins.

The organists of the school since 1874 have been the following: Miss Rebecca Noerr, to 1875; Miss Delia Irene Domer, from 1875 to 1881; afterward, Miss Eulalie Domer, Miss Annie Ourand, Mrs. Mary Hazard, Miss Grace E. Fox, and Miss Margaret R. Fox, with Mr. Edward Muth, assistant.

Of teachers we have no written record beyond 1864, but Mrs. J. G. Butler was teacher of the primary class from 1851 up to the time of her death in January, 1862. Miss Jennie Wyndham then became the teacher, and in 1863, under Mr. A. S. Pratt, Miss Mary Butler was also appointed, and two primary (or infant) classes were in operation and so continued for a number of years.

From 1864 to 1871, we find that the following persons appear as teachers for various periods during the intervening years: Mr. N. Acker, Mrs. Bright, Miss E. Hines, Miss Annie M. Finckel, Mrs. Rose Taylor, Miss E. Berline, Mr. George Ritz, Miss M. Arnold, Rev. J. N. Burkett, Mr. James C. Pratt, Mr. George Ryneal, Mr. M. M. Rohrer, Miss Kate Pratt, Rev. J. G. Butler, Mr. William Day, Miss Mary Butler; Misses Mary Butler, and Jennie Wyndham, primary teachers; Mr. W. H. Fry, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. McCaffrey, Mrs. Gibson, Mr. A. D. Miller, Mr. Frank Weaver, Miss Ann Haywood, Mrs. C. A. Davis, Mr. Joseph L. Enderle, Miss Lizzie Reiss, Mr. Albert M. Seip, Mr. John A. Wiedersheim, Mrs. S. M. Pratt, Mr. S. C. Thomason, Miss H. E. Finckel, Mr. J. C. Slater, Miss M. Farquhar, Mrs. M. A. Linkins, Mr. A. N. West, M. A. E. Keene, Miss C. A. Noerr, Mr. John Shaw, Mr. E. P. Rankin, Miss Emma Eckloff, Miss Mary Tilton, Miss M. E. McLelland, Miss Helen Schreiner, Mrs. J. A. Wiedersheim, Miss H. Linkins, Mrs. D. D. Tilton, Mr. D. D. Tilton, Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, Mr. William H. Finckel, Mr. J. Weigle, Mr. C. F. Kuhnle, Mrs. A. B. Nodine, Miss Rebecca Noerr, Mr. Lucius D. Alden, Mr. C. G. Lombardy, Mr. George W. Callahan, Mr. G. W. Linkins, and Mr. J. H. Kuehling.

An examination of the old records from 1864 to the organization of the Memorial enterprise in 1868, gives an interesting revelation of the condition and prosperity of the Sunday school during those years. Mr. A. S.

Pratt, the veteran Sunday-school worker, was the efficient superintendent, and wrought with much success. We present the monthly statements for several years, the most successful years in the history of the school prior to the organization of the Memorial Sunday school. The statements will afford interesting data for comparison with the condition and work of the school now, in the semi-centennial year:

December, 1864.	Highest number.....	206
	Average..	165
	Class offerings.....	\$16 93
	Classes	18
January and February, 1865, about the same.		
March, 1865.	Average number in attendance.....	190
April, 1865.	Highest number.....	218
	Average.....	210
	Class offerings	\$26 57
April 9, 1865, Rev. Morris Officer, the founder of the African Mission, addressed the school. Contributed for the mission, \$25.		
1865—May.	Highest number, 228; average.....	181
June.	“ “ 232; “	220
July.	“ “ 200; “	189
August.	“ “ 208; “	182
September.	“ “ — “	168
October.	“ “ 231; “	186
November.	“ “ 256; “	238
December.	“ “ 275; “	194
	Class offerings.....	\$40 00
1866—January.	Highest number, 236; average.....	219
February.	“ “ 242; “	226
March.	“ “ 256; “	236
April.	“ “ 268; “	196
May.	“ “ 250; “	227
June.	“ “ 215; “	171
July.	“ “ 196; “	178
August.	“ “ 207; “	180
September.	“ “ 215; “	187
October.	“ “ 231; “	224
November.	“ “ 256; “	228
December.	“ “ 251; “	219
1867—January	“ “ 251; “	216
February.	“ “ 262; “	234
March.	“ “ 268; “	221

1867—April.	Highest number, 290; average.....	279
May,	" " * 322; "	* 288
June.	" " 262; "	251
July	" " 251; "	231
August.	" " 227; "	218
September.	" " 256; "	240
October.	" " 249; "	238
November.	(no record.)	
December.	Highest number, 263; "	260
1868—January.	" " 260; "	237
February.	" " 240; "	206
March.	" " 244; "	223
April.	" " 275; "	250
May.	" " 304; "	248
June.	" " 285; "	270
July	" " 235; "	209
August.	" " 217; "	197
September.	" " 235; "	219
October.	" " 235; "	220

The enrollment December, 1865, was 331—officers, 6; teachers, 22, and scholars, 303, in 22 classes. The two primary classes contained 110 scholars.

Rev. Albert Ebeling, scholar, teacher, and later assistant superintendent, died in the early part of 1865.

The records of the treasurer, Mr. Geo. Ryneal, Jr., for the period above noted, were destroyed by fire some years since, and no full statement as to the collections and other receipts can be given, but large sums were raised and used in the operations of the school.

The Memorial Sunday school was organized in July, 1868, with officers and teachers largely from St. Paul's, and with an enrollment of scholars also largely taken from the school. Some depletion in numbers would naturally result to the parent school from the new movement and interest until reconstructive efforts should re-people the ranks and classes thus reduced. The record shows that "high-water mark" was reached under the superintendency of Mr. A. S. Pratt, in May, 1867, when the school had highest attendance, 322, and

an average of 288. This was the "star" month of the greatest prosperity the school had ever attained before the period of colonization and separation which marks the history of St. Paul's since 1868. Our semi-centennial record shows that St. Paul's Sunday school, notwithstanding all withdrawals in the several new organizations which have gone out since 1868, at this time, in this year of jubilee, and as we pass into the opening year of another semi-centenary, has quite surpassed all of its former history, and marks the semi-centennial year as "the star year" of the church and the school. It is "the star year" in every factor of strength and prosperity, in numbers, in equipment, in class offerings, and in general efficiency and strength. The equation of our joy must be found in our gratitude to God for the prosperity given.

The percentages of St. Paul's Sunday school as to its present condition must be estimated, however, from its enfeebled condition in 1874. The various influences which had been operative against its prosperity, influences of various kinds and degrees that can not now be fully traced nor recounted, had reduced the school down to very "low-water mark" when the fifth pastorate commenced. As indicative of its enfeebled condition and needs, the following action was taken by the little band of teachers that remained in the school, and who were earnestly solicitous for something better. A communication was addressed to members of the church and friends of the school, which reads thus:

"You are earnestly requested to attend a meeting to be held in the lecture room of the church, on Friday evening, June 8, 1875, at 8 o'clock, for consultation in reference to our Sunday school.

"By order of the teachers :

"H. C. DAVIS, *Secretary.*"

Only seventeen teachers appear on the roll of the

school preceding the close of Rev. H. B. Belmer's pastorate in 1874. They were the following: Rev. H. B. Belmer, Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, Mr. Jno. F. McClain, Mr. George F. Muth, Mr. Joseph L. Enderle, Mr. M. Sprague, Mr. J. H. Kuehling, Mr. Robert B. Kinsell, Miss Emma Eckloff, Miss Hettie R. Linkins, Mr. D. D. Tilton, Miss C. R. Noerr, Miss Mary Linkins, Miss Kate S. Pratt, and the Misses Mary Butler and Jennie Wyndham, primary teachers.

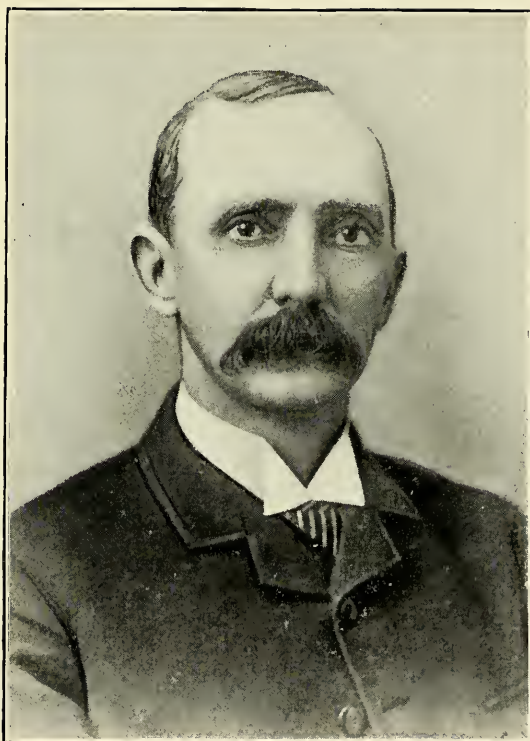
When Rev. Mr. Domer entered on pastoral duty in November of 1874, six of these teachers had disappeared and gone elsewhere. An entire enrollment of about 60 constituted the little remnant of the flourishing school of a few years before; and with this little remnant the process of reconstruction and rejuvenation had to begin. This is, therefore, the starting point from which to calculate the growth of the school in its progress to the proportions which it now presents as one of the signalizing factors of this semi-centennial anniversary.

The Secretary's Slip for September, 1875.

This is the earliest record of that year now to be found, and this shows an average attendance of 72, and the class offerings for the month, \$8.72.

This was increased in October and November to an average attendance of 90, and in December to 99. During these months there were ten classes, and the class offerings averaged a little over \$3.00 per Sunday. In 1876 the largest attendance was on the 4th Sunday in May, with 145 present; the offerings of the 12 classes of the school for the year amounting to \$162.61.

The following persons were teachers during this time: Rev. Mr. Domer, the pastor, Bible class; Miss Mollie Davis, Miss Ida Schneider, and Mr. John C. Parker in the Primary Department; the other classes were taught



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by Mr. John H. Kuehling, Mr. John F. McClain, Mr. George W. Linkins, Mr. Albert F. Fox, Miss Ida Reamer, Mr. Lewis H. Meyers, Miss Kate Schneider, Miss Annie Schneider, Miss Hettie R. Linkins, Miss Eulalie Domer, Miss Fannie French, Mr. Albert J. Weigle, and Rev. A. H. Myers. Some of these served for a short time only. The secretary at this time was Mr. Harry C. Davis.

The star month of the year was May, the average attendance being 135, and the offerings in April amounted to \$23.28. The enrollment of the school at this period was 14 teachers and 140 scholars, a total of 154, of which number 56 were members of the primary class. Mr. John C. Parker's service in this class began in January, 1876, as did that of Miss Mollie Davis and of Miss Ida Schneider. Mr. Parker continued in this class until November, 1877, inclusive, and Miss Ida Schneider to the latter part of 1878. She was followed as a teacher in the primary class by Miss May Parker.

The records for the year 1877 are incomplete. A slip for the month of January gives the average attendance at 110, and the offerings for the month, \$13.02. On July 11th of this year, at a meeting of the teachers called together after the session of the school, Mr. George W. Linkins resigned his position as assistant and acting superintendent, and a committee was appointed to canvass the church for a person to fill the office. This committee consisted of Messrs. John C. Parker, John F. McClain, and George F. Muth. Mr. Linkins volunteered to retain his position until a suitable person could be selected for the place.

The records for the early part of 1878 are very incomplete, the only paper on file being a slip noting the attendance of the primary class during part of that time, which was as low as 14 and as high as 38. The primary teachers in January were Miss Mollie Davis and Miss

Ida Schneider. Miss Grace E. Fox, now the superintendent of the Primary Department, was then a scholar under the care of these teachers in 1878, as were also Miss Margaret R. Fox, Miss Minnie McCormick, Misses Minnie, Ida, and Maggie Geutner, Miss Jennie Barron, Miss Minnie Brower, Miss Mabel Griffith, Mr. Howard Griffith, Mr. William Belt, Mr. J. Granville Meyers, Mr. Ferd. Schneider, and Mr. Frank Brower, all of whom are yet members of the school.

Lucius D. Alden, the present superintendent of the school, entered upon the duties of his office July 1, 1878, and has been in continuous service until this time. The school has been steadily growing under his administration until it has gained its present strength and its present admirable working order. Our records since then have been more carefully kept, and the results are embodied in the present history of our Sunday-school work.

1878.

On July 7, 1878, at the regular session of the Sunday school, Lucius D. Alden, a former member and teacher, 1867-1870, who had been absent from the city for eight years and had recently returned to reside here, was present and took part in the closing exercises. After the school was dismissed, the officers and teachers having been called together for a few minutes, transacted the following business:

Mr. Thomas Pendel, superintendent, resigned, and, on motion of Mr. John C. Parker, Mr. Alden was duly elected superintendent of the Sunday school. He accepted the position and at once entered upon the duties of the office, although at that time a member of the Memorial Church, having handed in his letter prior to this date.

Now, with distinct remembrance of former membership in St. Paul's Sunday school, when at the height of its greatest prosperity under Mr. A. S. Pratt, and impressed with the opportunity and necessity for the work, the new superintendent, trusting in the Lord for all needed strength and guidance, gave himself to the work assigned him to do. He was much encouraged by the presence and assistance of a band of workers who, though few in number, yet were able and willing to assist in any direction he might suggest. Additional encouragement was also received from the full and hearty coöperation of the pastor, Rev. Dr. S. Domer, himself a member and worker in the school.

Records fail to show the status of the school at this date, but the attendance of the primary, or infant class, on July 7, was 35 and the class offering 68 cents. The secretary's report, covering the second and third quarters of the year, begins with 76 present on the third Sunday in August, and 98 on the fourth Sunday. In September and October the attendance averaged 98, and on the second Sunday in November reached 109. No later record is found for this year. During this time the class offerings averaged about \$3.00 per Sunday.

At the Christmas anniversary of the school, Sunday, December 30, an original design of the superintendent, entitled "Jesus, the Star of Bethlehem," was presented with class emblem offerings. A beautiful Bible was presented to the pastor, Dr. S. Domer, and a general feeling of enthusiasm prevailed.

The report at that date showed Mr. Clarence B. Rheem, secretary; Mr. Albert F. Fox, treasurer; Mr. George F. Muth, librarian; Mr. Jacob J. Decker, assistant; and Miss Delia Domer, organist and leader of music. The enrollment was 150 and the average attendance 97; the collections for the year \$134.47, an average of \$2.59 per Sunday, or $2\frac{2}{3}$ cents per member.

1879.

At a meeting of the officers and teachers, held at the residence of Mr. A. F. Fox, January 24, the interests of the school were fully considered, and teachers' meetings, the library, attendance, etc., discussed. A blackboard for the school and a desk for the secretary were purchased. A committee was appointed to draft rules for the government of the school.

At the next meeting, February 5, a constitution was adopted, and the officers of the school were continued in office until the close of the current year, or until their successors were duly elected.

At a meeting, held at the residence of Mr. John C. Parker, April 30, Mr. Harry C. Davis was elected a teacher; the order for the "Teacher's Journal" was increased to 24, and the improvement of the primary class-room decided upon. A sociable and a picnic were determined on, and a standing committee of benevolence was appointed, the pastor, Rev. Dr. S. Domer, the superintendent, Mr. L. D. Alden, Mr. John C. Parker, and Mrs. E. C. Opperman, as its members.

On October 17 a meeting was held at the residence of Mr. Albert F. Fox to make arrangements for the reception of the superintendent and Mrs. Alden, on their arrival from Savannah, Ga., in which city they had recently been united in marriage. This reception took place in the lecture room of the church and was carried out with great success, and much enjoyed and appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. Alden. Many beautiful and useful presents were made them by the members of the church and school.

November 19 a social meeting took place at the residence of the superintendent, and on December 13 the annual meeting was held in the Sunday-school room. A new organ was ordered purchased. Mr. Louis Meyers, teacher, resigned, and Miss Emma Palmer, Miss Katie

Decker, Miss Lillian Chancey, and Mr. Emil G. Schafer and Mr. Wm. F. McK. Ritter were elected teachers. A new office was created, that of assistant superintendent, and Mr. Albert F. Fox was elected to fill the same. The other officers were all re-elected for the year 1880.

The Easter anniversary took place Sunday night, April 13, in the audience-room of the church, with an original design, "Jesus, the Light of the World," with emblem offerings by the classes. The following teachers and their classes took part in the exercises: Dr. S. Domer, Miss Eulalie Domer, Miss Kate Rawlings, Miss Emma Reiss, Miss Hetty Linkins, Mr. J. C. House, Mr. J. A. Weigle, Mr. A. F. Fox, Mr. John F. McClain, Mr. J. H. Keuhling, Mr. Louis H. Meyers, Mr. John F. Mankin, Mr. John C. Parker, Mr. J. H. McCormick, Mr. L. D. Alden's class from the Memorial school, who were present by invitation and took part in the exercises, and the primary class and its teachers, Misses Mollie Davis and May Parker.

The Christmas anniversary, on the night of December 31, was one of the finest in the history of the school. "The Temple of Life," a beautiful design and exercise, was presented. The temple was 15 feet high, and so arranged as to be built by the classes of the school, in the presence of the audience, and was a most brilliant and successful affair. The Mt. Vernon quartette rendered choice selections.

The Roll of Honor, for perfect attendance, was instituted this year, and the following names, constituting class 1, were entered upon it: Julius Schneider, Louis Schneider, Mattie Barron, and Charles Krause. A Bible was presented to each.

The secretary's report showed the enrollment of the school 197, a net gain of 47; average attendance of 124, an increase of 27; and class collections \$239.87, an average per Sunday of \$4.61, or 3¾ cents per member

per Sunday. The primary class numbered 66, or $\frac{1}{3}$ of all. Four new classes were organized from it during the year.

During the early part of the year, exact date unknown, the following alphabetical list of the secretary shows the enrolled membership of the school, 169 in all :

Name.	No. of Class.	Name.	No. of Class.
Alden, L. D.	officer.	Gentner, Ida	1
Andrews, Lulu	1	Gentner, Kate	7
Andrews, Maggie	8	Gentner, Maggie	1
Baker, George	3	Gentner, Mary	12
Barron, Mattie	11	Gentner, Minnie	1
Barron, Jennie	1	Gentner, Willie	1
Bartels, Bella	11	Griffith, Mabel	1
Belt, Eddie	3	Haight, Eddie	1
Belt, Willie	1	Haight, Harry	3
Boyer, Ulysses	3	Harling, Fannie	7
Boyer, Jacob	3	Henley, James	4
Boyer, Ellie	1	Hol on, Herbert	4
Brower, Horace	4	Hood, W.	6
Brower, Minnie	1	Hoover, William	2a
Brower, Frank	1	Houtz, Edith	8
Brower, George	1	Houtz, Emma	5
Brower, Laura	11	Houtz, Lulie	8
Burket, Eddie	10	Houtz, Willie	2b
Burket, Lizzie	8	House, J. C.	5
Calver, Irving	10	House, Thomas	13
Campbell, J.	11	Iredell, Engenie	
Cassell, Eddie	1	Kelly, Elwood	2a
Cassell, Eugene	1	Kennedy, Edward	13
Chauncey, Ella	5	Krause, Charles	1
Clarkson, Edward	10	Krause, Harry	1
Clarkson, Ella	1	Keuhling, J. H.	13
Colburn, Eddie	1	Lee, Cornelia	12
Colburn, Ernest	1	Lenman, John	6
Colburn, Josie	1	Loeffler, George	10
Criswell, William	6	Losano, Richard	6
Davidson, Mary	7	Luerssen, Alice	8
Davis, Mollie	1	Mankin, J. F.	4
Decker, Jacob	officer.	Mosheuvel, Anthony	2b
Decker, Kate	5	Mosheuvel, Nellie	1
Domer, Dr. S.		McClain, J. F.	6
Domer, Blair	2a	McCollough, Kitty	5
Domer, Charles	4	McCormick, Flora	8
Domer, Delia, organist	5	McCormick, John	1
Domer, Lallie	11	McCormick, Julia	12
Donn, Eddie	2b	McCormick, Minnie	1
Eckhardt, Amy	11	McCormick, John H.	14
Fainsburg, Edwin	1	McLean, Frank	4
Fanth, W.	2b	McWilliams, Elder	2a
Fayman, Lizzie	12	Merrick, Addie	8
Fenwick, Daisy	1	Merrick, Fred	4
Fenwick, Stella	1	Meyers, Charles	2a
Ford, Alfred	1	Meyers, Clara	5
Fox, Albert F., officer	3	Meyers, Emma	
Fox, Gracie	1	Meyers, Frank	4
Fox, Maggie	1	Meyers, Granville	1
French, Ada	5	Meyers, L. H.	9
French, Fannie	5	Mixon, Kate	12
Gardner, Harvey	2a	Mixon, Mary	11
Geib, Edith	1	Molair, Willie	1
Geib, Nannie	1	Moore, Burton	10
Gentner, Emma	8	Mott, Kate	7
Gentner, Fred	2b	Muth, George	officer,

Name.	No of Class.	Name.	No. of Class.
Nixon, Bertie.....	1	Schley, Genorera.....	5
Nixon, Charles.....	1	Schneider, Annie.....	5
Nixon, Jessie.....	1	Schneider, Ferd.....	9
Opperman, Mrs. R. C.....	8	Schneider, Julius.....	6
Orino, George.....	1	Schneider, Louis.....	6
Palmer, Emma.....	5	Schneider, Julia.....	
Parker, Eddie.....	1	Schutter, Clara.....	7
Parker, Frank.....	2b	Schutter, Jessie.....	7
Parker, J. C.....	2b	Simpson, Charles.....	13
Parker, Mamie.....	1	Simpson, Massels.....	8
Parker, May.....	8	Simpson, Rose.....	8
Parker, Walter.....	1	Summers, Gracie.....	12
Pendel, Alice.....	1	Tallmadge, Maud.....	11
Pendel, Blanche.....	1	Taylor, Leroy.....	10
Pitchlynn, Lee.....	2b	Thomlins, Grey.....	1
Pitchlynn, Sophie.....	5	Trebbi, Harra.....	4
Rawlings, George.....	6	Turtou, Willie.....	10
Rawlings, Kate.....	12	Weaver, Eddie.....	6
Reed, Harry.....	9	Weaver, Emma.....	5
Reese, Aline.....	1	Weaver, John.....	6
Reichenbach, Lottie.....	7	Webel, Charles.....	5
Reiss, Emma.....	10	Webel, Chris.....	2b
Rheem, C. B.....	officer.	Weigle, Fred.....	6
Rheem, Lulu.....	7	Weigle, J. A.....	2a
Rheem, Willie.....	9	Williams, Hester.....	5
Schafer, Emil.....	2a	Williams, Mamie.....	1
Schafer, Minnie.....	7		

1880.

January 7 Mr. Charles Webel was elected an assistant to Mr. J. C. House, teacher of the Bible class.

On April 16 Mr. John F. Mankin, an active member and teacher, while engaged in his work was accidentally killed. Suitable resolutions were prepared and an engrossed copy was forwarded to the sister of the deceased. The Sunday-school room was draped in mourning, and a floral tribute ordered purchased for the funeral service. Mr. Charles H. Ourand engrossed the resolutions, and received a vote of thanks for the same. Mr. Ritter succeeded Mr. Mankin as teacher of the class.

April 28 the superintendent reported the average attendance as 147, and the average collections, \$6.83; so far during the year a noted advance.

In September the Sunday school voted to carpet the lecture room,

On December 27 it was decided that in addition to those members who had not been absent during the year, the names of those who could recite the titles of the lessons and the golden texts for the year at the close of the same should also be placed on the Roll of Honor, class 1, instituted in 1879.

The Easter anniversary, Sunday night, March 28, was noted by the "National Republican" of the 29th as "one of the most magnificent emblematic celebrations, so characteristic of the enterprise of the school and the enthusiasm of the superintendent." The decorations consisted of a gilded arch, covered with evergreen and surmounted by a crown of glittering jets of gaslights; beneath this towered a cross, also of evergreen, and so constructed that the classes contributed to its finish with bouquets of flowers, from each of which stood out a letter of gold, which made the cross present a magnificent appearance, being entirely covered with flowers, with the motto "Our Saviour is Risen." Above the cross the words "Crown Him Lord of All" appeared with great brilliancy. After this, by a neat arrangement, the cross became an anchor, with the inscription "Alleluia."

The Christmas anniversary was noted by an original design by the superintendent, "Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

The report of the secretary gave 19 classes, an enrollment of 201, and an average attendance of 135—an advance over the previous year. The primary class numbered 53. Miss Minnie Schafer was appointed the teacher of a class formed during the year. Twelve scholars were present every session, and six others were on the Roll of Honor for lessons and texts. The class offerings amounted to \$316.75, an average of \$6.09 per Sunday, or 4½.cents per member per Sunday, a noted increase over the previous year. During the year friends gave \$25, with which were purchased 100 Bibles

for the use of the school. The lecture-room was overhauled and re-painted and new matting provided at an expense of \$134.90, and the school pledged \$300 for the year 1881 to aid in repairing the exterior of the church.

The highest attendance was reached on the third Sunday in January.

The following were the teachers at the end of the year: Mr. John C. Parker, Mr. J. A. Weigle, Mr. J. J. Decker, Mr. A. F. Fox, Mr. J. C. House, Mr. J. H. McCormick, Mr. J. F. McClain, Mr. L. D. Alden, Dr. S. Domer, Miss Mollie Davis, Miss May Parker, Miss Emma Reiss, Miss Kate Rawlings, Miss Eulalie Domer, Miss Minnie Schafer, Miss Emma Palmer, Miss Delia Domer, Miss Lillian Chancey, Miss Ella Chancey, and Mrs. E. C. Opperman.

1881.

In January Miss Annie E. Eckbert and Miss Fannie Harling were elected teachers. The attendance increased to 173 in April and 180 in December. Class offerings amounted to \$356.44, and the total receipts, \$627.36. The enrollment increased to 219 and the average attendance to 150. The average class offering was \$6.85, over 4½ cents per member per Sunday. This was a gain in all directions over the previous year.

At the close of the year the subscription towards the church improvement was increased from \$300 to \$500, and a guarantee of \$500 additional was made for the year 1882, making \$1,000 in all pledged by the school for that purpose. Of this amount, \$475 was paid during this year, and was mainly raised by means of the "dollar envelope," and by several entertainments given.

At the Easter anniversary, April 17, an original de-

sign, "Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness," was constructed with banners presented by the classes, and Rev. Dr. Conrad, editor of the *Lutheran Observer*, delivered an address.

The Christmas anniversary was one of unusual interest, and the superintendent was presented with a silver pitcher and cup by the ladies of the church. It was during the latter part of this year that Mr. I. N. Kalb became a member of the school, and the assistant teacher of Rev. Dr. Domer's Bible class. One teacher, Miss Kate Rawlings, resigned during the year.

1882.

The year 1882 was a most prosperous one from the first. Mr. I. N. Kalb became the assistant superintendent.

The Easter anniversary, April 9, showed an enrollment of 244, an average attendance of 166, with an average offering of \$7.26. On March 5, 192 were present, and the average for that month was 180. The "Evening Critic," in its account of this anniversary, stated "the floral decorations were simply superb, and the elegant and significant Easter design for the Sunday-school service by the superintendent, "Take up the Cross," was unsurpassed by anything of the kind in the city," and gave St. Paul's the credit of being a "live Sunday school." At the morning service the superintendent handed in his letter of dismissal from the Memorial Church and became a member of St. Paul's.

The anniversary at Christmas time was a most enjoyable one, with appropriate exercises. "Jesus, our Star," was the design and object lesson.

The class collections amounted to \$349.77, and the

total receipts were \$711.38. During the year 125 copies of "Gem of Gems" were purchased, replacing "Songs of Faith," which had been used as a song-book for a number of years, and 25 settees were purchased for the additional seating capacity of the school.

In October Miss Delia Domer, the pastor's eldest daughter, who had been the efficient organist and musical leader of the school for nearly eight years, was married to Mr. John S. Alleman, of Harrisburg, and at the wedding, which took place in the church, the superintendent, on behalf of the school, presented to her a silver service.

1883.

At the annual meeting, held January 22, 1883, Mr. B. Frank Meyers was elected secretary, and Miss Annie E. Ourand, organist of the school. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring secretary, Mr. Clarence B. Rheem, and ordered to be engrossed and accompanied by a suitable testimonial presented to him for excellent and helpful service during the last five years.

In April of this year the school was admitted to membership in "The Sunday-School Union of the District of Columbia," and the superintendent was elected a member of the executive committee of that Union, a position which he has retained to this time (July, 1893).

The Easter anniversary was observed on March 25 in the usual appropriate manner.

At the Christmas anniversary, December 30, the design and object lesson, "Jacob's Dream," was noted by the "Critic" as the "best" of St. Paul's anniversaries. "The presentation and development of this beautiful design, until the mystic ladder stood out before the great audience in all its beauty and significance, was a

scene of entertainment and instruction of no common kind."

✓ The late secretary, Mr. Rheem, was presented with a large illustrated copy of the Lord's Prayer. The superintendent, in behalf of Mr. Henry Tallmadge, presented to the church a memorial baptismal font in memory of his daughter Bessie, who died November 7, 1882, in the eighth year of her age. Dr. Domer responded, and in behalf of the church accepted the gift. The font was then used for the first time by the baptism of his grandson, Domer Alleman.

The secretary's report showed the enrollment to be 246, average attendance 153, class contributions \$417.52, an average per Sunday of \$8.03, or 5¼ cents per member per Sunday. The balance due on the \$1,000 in aid of the church improvement was paid during the year, and \$27.08 was sent to Rev. H. W. Kuhns, pastor of Grace Church, Westminster, Md., to aid in rebuilding the church, which had recently been destroyed by fire. This contribution was suitably acknowledged by him on behalf of his congregation. The highest attendance was 185, on December 2.

Mr. George F. Muth became a teacher, and took charge of a class organized April 15. Mr. I. N. Kalb, Miss Emma Meyers, Miss Mary Davison, and Miss Fanny Harling became teachers of classes newly organized. On Sunday morning, November 11, 1883, the Sunday school joined with the congregation in celebrating the 400th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther.

1884.

On April 14 the officers and teachers met at the residence of Mr. A. F. Fox to open missionary boxes, and

for other business and social purposes. Encouraging reports were made.

At a quarterly meeting held at the church, June 29, Mr. A. H. Nelson, the president of the Sunday-School Union, Mr. W. H. H. Smith, superintendent of the Western Presbyterian Sunday School, and the superintendent of St. Paul's, Mr. L. D. Alden, addressed the teachers on the results of the International Sunday-School Convention recently held in Louisville, Ky., and at which they had been present as delegates.

July 27, the attendance being only 75, the school was taught as one class by the pastor, Dr. S. Domer.

August 10 Prof. Harry C. Davis, former secretary, was present and addressed the school.

On October 9 "The Little Ones" was chosen as the paper for the primary department.

October 12 Mr. Louis Meyers, former teacher, was present and addressed the school.

On October 29 Mrs. E. C. Opperman and Miss Bettie Suman took charge of new classes organized from the primary department.

At the annual meeting, held December 14, the officers of the school were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The report of the secretary at the Christmas anniversary showed an enrollment of 234, an average attendance of 158, or $\frac{2}{3}$ of all. The average offering was 4.9 cents per member per Sunday. The 21 classes gave during the year \$403.28 class offerings, or \$7.76 per Sunday. The total receipts were \$720.06.

The Easter anniversary, April 13, surpassed all like services during prior years. An original design and object lesson by the superintendent, "The Fountain of Life," was pronounced the best "St. Paul's" ever had. The "Daily Post" stated that "the decorations were noticeable for their arrangement and exquisite beauty." The attendance of the school on this date was 202, 200

and over being noted for the first time in many years. During the year Miss Lula Rheem took Miss Harling's place as teacher.

The Christmas anniversary was held December 28. The design and object lesson, "The Wonderful One," made it an occasion of great interest.

On Sunday, May 18, Dr. S. Barnitz and other Lutheran pastors were present at St. Paul's, and at 4 P. M. the school took part in the Union Meeting of Lutheran Sunday Schools, held at the Memorial Church, on the four hundredth anniversary of Luther's birth. The school marched up with some 200 in ranks and occupied a position on the left, facing the pulpit. Each school sang a selected song, that of St. Paul's being "Mercy's Free," and at the close of the exercises, while the immense audience was being dismissed, each school by call, St. Paul's was requested to sing again, and was much complimented on its appearance and singing.

1885.

At the annual meeting, held January 7, 1885, Mr. Charles S. Domer resigned as librarian, and Mr. Charles H. Ourand was elected to fill the vacancy, with Mr. Domer as his assistant.

The Easter emblem anniversary, on April 5, was a great success, and the different class emblems were remarkably handsome and appropriate. A jug-breaking concert took place the next evening.

On June 14 the school was addressed by Rev. Dr. Reninger, of Omaha, and on September 20 by Rev. Dr. Kuhns, of Canton, Ohio.

At the Christmas anniversary, held December 27, 1885, the secretary's and the treasurer's reports showed the

enrollment 261 and the average attendance 148. The class collections were \$454.59, and the total receipts \$736.32. The average Sunday offering, \$8.74, or 5.9 cents per member. Nineteen classes were on record at the close of the year. Twenty-three teachers and 63 other members were noted as members of the church—86 in all, or $\frac{1}{3}$ of the school. During this year the school supported the mission at Eureka, Kansas, at a cost of \$300. Large additions and improvements were made to the library. Mr. J. J. Decker resigned as teacher December 31.

The following is the roll of the school at the close of the year, and the end of the first $7\frac{1}{2}$ years of Mr. Alden's charge of the school, as published in the "Pastoral Letter" of January and February, 1886:

SUPERINTENDENT—Lucius D. Alden.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT—I. N. Kalb.

TREASURER—A. F. Fox.

SECRETARY—B. F. Meyers.

LIBRARIAN.—Chas. H. Ourand.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN—Chas. S. Domer.

ORGANIST AND LEADER OF MUSIC—Miss Annie E. Ourand.

Primary Class.

Miss Mollie E. Davis and Miss May A. Parker, teachers. Louis Adams, Grace Alden, Russell Alden, Eddie Augusterfer, Hugh Augusterfer, Tommy Augusterfer, Florence Baldwin, Minnie Barron, Bertha Behrens, Bessie Burbridge, Daisy Burbridge, Eva Betz, Nelly Betz, Frank Blue, Gertie Blue, Clarence Brower, Blanche Cassell, Harry Cassell, Ruby Clarkson, Willie Clarkson, Annie Connor, Agnes Droop, Bertha Droop, Freddie DeMoll, Clara Donch, Harry Domer, Lillie Eberly, Nettie Eberly, Blanche Ewald, Pauline Ewald, Ella Ewig, Martha Ewig, Eddie Fox, Grace Gonzenbach,

Nellie Harr, John Haskins, Margie Hubert, Maggie Iseman, Arthur Johnson, Harry Johnson, Willie Johnson, Freddie Koss, Minnie Koss, Arthur Krause, Gordon Krause, Gussie Krause, Mark Krause, Christina Kultz, Louie Leeds, Charles Linkins, Arthur Luerrsen, Roscoe Livingstone, Mamie Mann, Ella McCormick, Bessie Moore, Florence Moshuevel, Bertie Muth, Eddie Muth, Lizzie Nixon, Minnie Nixon, Bertha Orth, Guy Ourand, Ella Simmons, Mattie Simmons, Eva Smith, Sadie Smith, Harry Utermehle, Hattie Watson, Stuart Wilson.

Junior Department.

Mr. Edward T. Kaiser, teacher. Ada Augusterfer, Gertie Barron, Clara Cassell, Jennie Essig, Grace Griffith, Pauline Hills, May Hough, Lily Krause, Stella Mann, Blanche Pendel, Ida Tyler.

Miss Bettie Suman, teacher. Frank Brower, Wm. Gentner, Harry James, Fred Kahlert, Harry Krause, Eddie Leeds, Geo. Linkins, Jno. Haskins.

Mr. George F. Muth, teacher. Frances Augusterfer, Bertha Bartels, Maggie Fox, Mabel Griffith, Isouline Hall, Mary Hall, Olena Hough, Minnie McCormick, Lizzie Young.

Miss Emma Meyers, teacher. Wm. Behrens, Wm. Belt, Geo. Brower, Carl Droop, Howard Griffith, Chas. Hines, Jno. Rouzer.

Miss Annie E. Ourand, teacher. Florence Barron, Ella Clarkson, Katie Ewig, Lillie Ewig, Blanche Fink, Maggie Gentner, Minnie Gentner, Lillie Keenan, Jessie Mann.

Miss Lilian Chauncey, teacher. Ella Boyer, Maggie Essig, Addie Harr, Belle Leeds, Edith Nixon, Jessie Nixon, Julia Ourand, Maud Ripley, Nettie Seitz, Johanna Kultz.

Senior Department.

Mr. L. D. Alden, teacher. Alfred Buhrman, Edward

Cassell, William A. Domer, Jos. Eckhardt, Burton Moore.

Mr. Jno. H. McCormick, teacher. Wm. Baily, Jno. Fink, Wm. James, Harry Hamilton, Wm. Harr, Chas. Krause, John McCormick, A. S. McClain, Anthony Mosheuvel.

Miss Emma Palmer, teacher. Mary Clements, Tillie Clements, Annie Iseman, Alice Luerrsens, Rosa Lovejoy, Nelly Moshuevel, Minnie Seitz.

Mr. J. J. Decker, teacher. Horace Brower, Edward Clarkson, Charles S. Domer, B. Frank Meyers, Wm. M. Rheem, Selby Wilson.

Miss Annie Eckbert, teacher. Emma Gentner, Annie Kneessi, Flora McCormick, Eva Scott, Roberta Wilson, Laura Zeh.

Miss Minnie Schafer, teacher. Jennie Barron, Minnie Brower, Fannie Crowell, Edith Geib, Ida Gentner, Myra Hendley, Clara Hills, Bertie Kinney.

Miss Eulalie Domer, teacher. Bella Bartels, Laura Brower, Viola Callahan, Ella Chauncey, Amy Eckhardt, Grace Fox, Nannie Geib, Alice Hutchins, Katy Kahlert, Mamie Kranbiehl, Nelly Spencer, Clem. Stinzing, Annie Wise.

Mr. John C. Parker, teacher. Chauncey Botsford, Ed. Donn, Fred. Gentner, John Hoffman, Clarence Hough, Wm. Houtz, J. Granville Myers, D. Frank Parker.

Mr. Albert F. Fox, teacher. Edward C. Belt, Jacob L. Boyer, Ulysses L. Boyer, Jno. Donch, Wm. Donch, Portus B. McLain, Henry Orth, Chas. H. Ourand, George W. Scott, Walter Scott, Horace G. Seitz, Ed. Webel.

Mr. Jno. F. McClain, teacher. M. Blair Domer, Harvey Gardner, Wm. Hoover, Chas. W. Meyers, Clarence B. Rheem, Emil G. Schafer, Julius M. Schneider, Harry M. Schneider, Elder McWilliams, Lee Pitchlynn, S. C. Stokes.

Mr. I. N. Kalb, teacher. Misses Kate Decker, Lilia Haskins, Clara Meyers, Sophie Pitchlynn, Mrs. S. G. Kirby, Mrs. Harriet Reamer, Messrs. John G. Meyers, Edward Hamilton, E. W. Hansell, N. Z. Seitz, H. H. Seltzer.

Rev. S. Domer, D. D., teacher. Misses Susie Francke, Fannie Harling, Annie Hough, Ella Millspaugh, Mabel Young, Clara Schneider, Annie Kaiser, Messrs. Thos. F. Pendel, Henry Raabe, Chas. Webel, H. M. Griffeth.

December, 1885, names on the roll, 249—viz.: Primary class, 71 ; other classes, 178, including 20 officers and teachers.

1886.

At a meeting held January 19, 1886, all of the officers were re-elected for the current year and Miss Ella Millspaugh was appointed a teacher from January 1st of a new class of boys organized from the primary department.

The Easter anniversary took place on April 25, and the next evening a jug-breaking concert was held. The Sunday school at this time was noted as "never more prosperous and flourishing."

May 23 Rev. Dr. Parson was present at the closing exercises.

June 21 the school united with other Lutheran schools in a union excursion and picnic at Glymont on the Potomac.

September 8 the school joined in the reunion of Lutherans at Penmar.

October 24 the "birthday bank" appeared on the desk of the superintendent and has remained there since that date. Miss Mabel Griffith made the first birthday offering.

The Christmas anniversary was held Sunday, December 26, with design by the superintendent entitled "The Star of Bethlehem."

The reports showed an enrollment of 293, and an average attendance of 163. The class offerings were \$549.24, or \$10.56 per Sunday, and an average per member of 6½ cents. The total receipts were \$1,221.43. During the year the school supported the mission at Eureka, Kansas.

The work of the Sunday school was very fully noted in the "Pastoral Letter" of January, 1887.

1887.

The year opened with 21 classes, including 2 new ones under the charge of Miss Amy Eckhardt and Miss Roberta Wilson. On January 16 the attendance reached 210, the largest for 15 years, and 7 more than at any previous time in Dr. Domer's pastorate. On January 23, 214 were noted present.

At the Easter anniversary, April 10, the reports showed a further advance. At that time, of the 92 members of the primary class, only two teachers and five of the scholars remained of the class of 1882. On the following evening the jug-breaking concert took place.

The superintendent attended the sessions of the International Sunday School Convention, to which he had again been elected a delegate, held in Chicago, Ill., during June 1, 2, and 3.

During this year, on Sunday, June 5, at 3 p. m., the Sunday school started a mission in South Washington at Blake's Hall, on Seventh street, with Mr. N. Z. Seitz as the superintendent. October 17 Mr. Seitz, Mr. Boyer, and Mr. George Simmons were appointed a committee

to select more suitable quarters for the mission school. These were found at Potomac Hall, on Eleventh street southwest. In Mr. Alden's report of January 5, 1888, he referred to this mission as follows: "'This good work was begun, and the responsibility for the rent and other expenses and the furnishing of all the necessary equipments of a good school was assumed by St. Paul's Sunday school, with the definite idea of the mission resulting in the establishment of a Lutheran Church in that part of the city.'" The mission has resulted in St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

June 27 the school enjoyed an excursion down the Potomac, made most pleasant by the committee in charge.

On August 18 Mr. Charles H. Ourand, an excellent librarian, tendered his resignation, and Mr. Charles S. Domer became librarian.

On October 17 Mr. N. Z. Seitz and Mr. Thomas Pendel were elected teachers, taking the places of Miss Minnie Schafer and Miss Annie Ourand, who were compelled to resign on account of ill health. Mr. Chauncey Bottsford, Mr. Edward Clarkson, and Miss Gertrude Donath were also elected teachers, the latter of a class organized November 23. Miss Ella Mills-paugh resigned February 6, having left the city.

During the year the school was visited and addressed by Rev. Dr. Barnitz, February 27, Rev. Dr. Conrad, March 27, and on July 17 by Rev. Mr. Hubler, prior to his departure as a missionary to Africa, where he soon after met his death.

In the early part of the year the efficient organist and musical leader of the school, Miss Annie E. Ourand, resigned, and Mrs. Mary Hazard became organist, and on December 2 Mr. E. D. Tracy was appointed musical director.

At the Christmas treat, December 29th, the retiring

secretary, Mr. B. Frank Meyers, was presented with a handsome silk umbrella as a mark of appreciation for his valuable services as secretary of the school for six years, 1883-'88, inclusive, much of that period living at Brightwood, a distance of several miles from the school, and yet always on hand and attentive to duty.

The reports at the end of 1887 gave the enrollment as 269, in 22 classes; 214 were present on three occasions. The average for the month of April was 207. The average attendance for the year was 179. The class collections were \$604.57, an average of \$11.63, or 6½ cents per member per Sunday. The total receipts were \$924.67. The disbursements were \$897.94, of which \$231 was for the mission school.

1888.

During this year many changes took place. The school lost in membership by a large number withdrawing to attend the mission school and for other reasons.

On March 11 Mr. B. F. Jacobs, chairman of the International Lesson Committee, was present and addressed the school.

On April 31 the treasurer, Mr. A. F. Fox, paid to the trustees of the church \$150 towards the purchase of a pipe organ, the first money contributed for that purpose.

On June 24 "Children's Day" was kept for the first time, with services in the audience room of the church after the regular session. On this occasion Mr. Fox was presented by the school with a silver service and by the superintendent with a large framed certificate of membership as a testimonial, he having completed 25 years' continuous service in the school.

On November 29, 1888, a silver service was also pre-

sented by the school to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence B. Rheem on the occasion of their marriage in the church. The groom was a former secretary of the school, and the bride the pastor's daughter and a teacher in the school for many years.

At the Christmas anniversary the secretary reported 20 classes, with an enrollment of 293, an average attendance of 177, and the largest attendance, November 18, was 215 present. Over 200 were present on 14 occasions. The class offerings were \$605.33, an average collection of \$11 64, or $6\frac{2}{3}$ cents per member per Sunday, the star record to this date. The total receipts were \$830.22. Of the \$920.07 disbursed during the year, \$606.15 was for objects outside of the direct expenses of the school.

On February 19 Miss Betty Suman resigned as teacher and Mr. E. B. Corcoran was elected a teacher in her place.

In November and December a series of illustrated lectures, by Prof. B. P. Murray, was given at the expense of the school, free to the membership, and was largely attended and much appreciated.

December 1, 1888, Miss Grace E. Fox became organist of the school, succeeding Mrs. Hazard.

During this year the last service of the congregation in the "old" church took place June 17, and the church, altered and improved, was rededicated December 2. On the afternoon of that day the Sunday school held a special service in the audience room, in which they were joined by the South Washington mission, St. Mark's.

1889.

On January 7 Mr. B. F. Meyers, secretary for six years, was appointed a teacher, and Mr. William

Domer became secretary. Miss May Parker, the assistant teacher of the primary department since 1876, was transferred as teacher, to the junior department in charge of a new class from the primary department.

Under date of January 21, 1889, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., the Western Secretary of Home Missions, wrote as follows:

“DEAR BRO. ALDEN:

“Heartily do I rejoice with you and the great Sunday school of St. Paul’s, first, on entering the new and, I know, beautiful Sunday-school rooms; second, on St. Paul’s Mission at Eureka, Kansas, becoming self-sustaining. A great and blessed work your Sunday school has done at Eureka. Who can estimate the results of establishing a church and Sunday school? At the last ‘great day’ for which all other days were made, many who have been led to the Saviour at Eureka, Kansas, will rise up to call St. Paul’s of Washington, D. C., ‘blessed.’ Congratulations and heart-felt prayer for a great year—1889.”

On March 31 Rev. I. C. Burke was present and addressed the school.

At the Easter anniversary, April 21, the Sunday school of the Protestant Orphan Asylum took part in the exercises, also singing a special hymn.

At the children’s day service, June 23, the school was addressed by Rev. A. Stump.

“Home Mission Day,” November 8, was celebrated with much interest and enthusiasm; 275 were present and the class offerings amounted to \$80.50.

At the Christmas anniversary, December 27, large numbers were unable to obtain admission to the crowded church. A song service, “Our Great Messiah,” was beautifully rendered. Miss Mollie E. Davis, teacher in charge of the primary class since 1876, was presented with a handsome onyx table and a bronze vase, the gifts

of her class, and the superintendent received a golden present from the officers and teachers of the school.

The report of the secretary showed the school to be in a prosperous condition, the enrollment 295, average attendance 199, or $\frac{2}{3}$ of all. The attendance on Easter reached 260, and over 200 were present on 31 occasions. The treasurer reported the total receipts for the year \$767.09, and the class offerings \$559.07, an average per Sunday of \$10.75, or 5.3-7 cents per member.

During the year the following teachers resigned or withdrew: Miss May Parker, Miss Lillian Chancey, and Mrs. C. B. Rheem. The new teachers were Mr. M. M. Rouzer, Mr. J. A. Weigle, Miss Clara Meyers, Miss Flora McCormick, Miss Belle F. Leeds, Miss Margaret R. Fox, and Miss Frances Augusterfer. Mr. E. D. Tracy continued as musical director until December 1 of this year.

1890.

This proved an unusually prosperous year. At the annual meeting, March 3, 1890, Mr. J. Granville Meyers became secretary in place of Mr. William Domer, and Mr. Philip Muth was elected assistant secretary to fill an original vacancy. Mr. George F. Muth was elected librarian, and Messrs. William Belt and George R. Linkins, assistants. Mr. John H. McCormick was elected second assistant superintendent to fill an original vacancy, and Miss Margaret R. Fox, assistant organist. Six new classes were organized from the primary department.

At the Easter anniversary, April 6, Mr. George F. Muth was presented by the school with a silver pitcher and goblet, and by the superintendent with a large framed certificate of membership, as a testimonial for

twenty-five years' continuous membership in the Sunday school.

During this year, to June 30, awards for study were given, as had been the custom since April 1, 1887. In June the superintendent was, for the third time, elected a delegate to the International Sunday School Convention, held at Pittsburg, Pa.

March 16, Mr. Robert Weidensall, of Omaha, Neb.; July 27, Rev. E. H. Delk, of Hagerstown, Md.; August 3, Rev. Dr. Henry Baker, of Altoona, Pa., were present and addressed the school.

September 14 Miss Mollie Davis, in charge of the primary department for the last fifteen years, resigned on account of removal from the city, and Miss Grace E. Fox, organist of the school, and assistant teacher in the primary department, was appointed by the superintendent teacher in charge of the primary department, and Miss Margaret R. Fox was appointed organist of the school.

The following teachers resigned: Miss Gertrude Donath, Miss Roberta Wilson, Miss Minnie Seitz, Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, and Miss Mollie Davis and Miss Nettie Seitz, of the primary department, most of these leaving the city. The following teachers were appointed: Miss Sina Kibler, Miss Minnie and Miss Nettie Seitz, Miss Jennie Barron, Miss Helen Schreiner, Miss Miriam Meals, Miss Nellie Moshueval, and Miss Minnie Brower. The last five were all from Miss Emma Palmer's class.

The attendance on Easter Sunday reached 268. Christmas anniversary was held December 28, with the song service, "Our Royal Prince." At the usual week-night Christmas treat, large offerings for the poor were given, as had been the custom of the school for many years.

During this year the primary department, although

reduced in numbers through the transfer to the junior department of six new classes, gained 1 teacher and 52 scholars, and numbered at the end of the year 84 members.

The secretary reported 28 classes, and an enrollment of 335, the primary department having 1 teacher and 83 scholars, or $\frac{1}{4}$ of all. The average attendance for the year was 204, the "star" record. The treasurer reported the total receipts as \$790.85, of which \$580.64 were class offerings, an average offering of \$11.17, or over $5\frac{1}{2}$ cents per member. The largest collection was on October 19, \$35.49. The disbursements were \$890.47, including \$75 for painting the Sunday-school room, and \$14.67, the expenses of the superintendent as the delegate of the school at the International Sunday-School Convention. These expenses had been defrayed by the school on two previous occasions. On December 29, 1890, at the annual meeting the present officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. In November the superintendent was elected President of the Sunday School Union of the District of Columbia, and was since so elected for the years 1892 and 1893.

1891.

This year opened with 256 present on the first Sunday, which increased to 288 on Easter, March 29. The Easter anniversary showed the enrollment to be 362; the average attendance for February, 263, the largest average for February on record. At this time the superintendent asked for the parsonage for Sunday-school purposes, and later new settees were purchased to accommodate the increased membership and attendance.

On September 27 the first "rallying day" was held, and the 300 limit was reached and passed, 302 being present.

On March 15 the school was addressed by Luigo Angelina, representing the Protestant mission work in Roine, Italy.

During this year the following teachers were appointed: Mr. Elder McWilliams, Miss Zada Kemp, Miss Margie Hubert, Miss Minnie and Miss Nettie Seitz; and the following resigned: Miss Mollie Turner, Miss Sina Kibler, and Miss Zada Kemp.

At the annual meeting on December 28, 1891, the present officers were re-elected, and Mr. Edward Muth was elected assistant organist.

At the Christmas anniversary, December 27, owing to the absence of the superintendent and assistant superintendent, Mr. A. F. Fox took charge.

The secretary reported the enrollment to be 380, in 28 classes; average attendance, 223; the primary department numbered 113, and the school was noted to be in a most flourishing condition. Over 200 were present on 35 occasions; the average attendance in February was 263, and in December, 261. The treasurer reported the total receipts to have been \$967.29, the class collections being \$734.12, an average collection of \$14.12, or 6 $\frac{1}{3}$ cents per member. The disbursements included new settees, part payment of metallic ceiling in school room, and \$619.81 for other than the Sunday-school expenses.

At a meeting held December 28, at the residence of the superintendent, the records of the school were examined and compared, and the year 1891 was admitted by all present to fully equal if not surpass the best years of the former history of the school, those of 1867 and 1868. A new song book, "Living Hymns," was ordered purchased to replace the "Gem of Gems," which had been used since 1882.

January 4, Rev. Dr. George Scholl, Secretary Foreign Mission Board; April 12, Rev. H. H. Weber, Secretary

Board of Church Extension; July 26, Rev. Dr. R. W. Hufford, of Easton, Pa.; August 2, Rev. Dr. G. W. Enders, of York, Pa.; August 9, Rev. Dr. S. W. Owen, of Hagerstown, Md.; August 16, Rev. Dr. W. S. Freas, of York, Pa., (the last four pastor's supply), were present and addressed the school, as did Rev. Charles Butler, of this city, November 22. In December Mr. J. G. Weaver, superintendent from 1848 to 1858, died, and was buried from the church.

Report of the Secretary for the Year Ending December 25, 1892.

(Read at the Anniversary on the night of December 25, 1892.)

I have the honor to submit the following report for the year ending this day. The organization of the school is as follows:

Number of officers, 14, all of whom are class members.

One Adult Department; classes, 10; teachers, 10; scholars, 122; enrollment, 132.

One Intermediate Department; classes, 20; teachers, 20; scholars, 178; enrollment, 198.

One Primary Department; classes, 1; teachers, 2; scholars, 115; enrollment, 117.

Total—Departments, 3; classes, 31; teachers, 32; scholars, 415; enrollment, 447.

A net gain of 1 department; classes, 3; teachers, 2; scholars, 65; being a total gain of 67 members.

During the year over 200 were present on 42 Sundays and over 300 were present on 11 Sundays.

The largest attendance was on Easter Sunday, April 17, 340 being present. Largest in 1891, 302.

The largest collection was on Home Mission day,

November 13, \$125.57. Largest in 1891, Home Mission day, \$80.50. The second largest was this morning, having \$111.79.

The average Sunday attendance was 255, a gain of 32 over 1891, the next best year. The average Sunday collection was \$19.35, a gain of \$5.23 over 1891, the next best year.

The average offering per member per Sunday was 7.10-17 cents, a gain of $1\frac{1}{4}$ cent over 1891.

The largest average per Sunday for any month for attendance, is 317 for April.

The largest collection per Sunday, for any month, was for November, having \$42.47.

The largest collection for any one month was for November; amount, \$170. The largest collection for any one quarter was for the fourth quarter; amount, \$405.67.

The largest attendance in the primary department was 113, on May 1, and the smallest was 38, on July 31.

Four new classes were organized during the year from the primary department and transferred to the intermediate. A total of 30 classes from the primary department since 1879.

One class in the intermediate department was transferred and promoted to the adult department and consolidated with the class taught by Mr. George F. Muth, its teacher, Mrs. E. C. Opperman, having left the city. Nine teachers have been appointed during the year, and we have lost seven: two by death, three by resignation and removal, and two by transfer to the scholars' roll.

Three deaths have occurred during the year, the first since May, 1890: Mr. John H. McCormick, assistant superintendent of the intermediate department and also a teacher, died May 17; Mr. Isaac N. Kalb, associate superintendent in charge of the adult department, and

also a teacher in this department, died May 28; and Mrs. Henry Raabe, member of Dr. Domer's class—a total of 22 deaths since July 1, 1878; three teachers and 19 scholars.

The following-named persons constitute the Roll of Honor for the year 1892:

CLASS NO. 1.

Present every Sunday—For the first time: Miss Bella Bartells, Miss Ida Kieny, Miss May Walter, Miss Florence Sauer, Miss Anna Grace Alden. For the second time: Master William Linkins, Miss Annie Walter, Miss Florence Walter. For the third time: Miss Minnie Barron, Miss Florence Mosheuvel, Master Clarence Brower. For the fourth time: Mr. B. Frank Meyers. For the eighth time: Miss Gertrude Barron, Mr. Harry Krause, Mr. Guy Ourand. For the twelfth time: Mr. Charles O. Krause, star record.

Reciting the titles and golden texts of the 48 lessons in 1892, on the last Sunday of the year—For the first time: Miss Helen DeMoll. For the second time: *Miss Hattie E. Alden, *Miss May Harris. For the third time: Miss Anna Grace Alden. For the fourth time: Mrs. Joseph Eckhardt, Miss Grace E. Fox, Miss Mary Moore, Master Russell Alden. For the sixth time: Miss Margaret R. Fox.

CLASS NO. 2.

Absent but one Sunday—Miss Helen DeMoll, Mr. Edward Muth, Miss Maggie Iseman, Miss Gertrude Pond, Mr. Mark Krause, Mr. M. M. Rouzer, Miss Bertie Muth, Mr. Harry Veit, Miss Minnie Shultzbach—4 male, 5 female. Total, 9.

CLASS NO. 3.

Absent but two Sundays—Miss Ada Augusterfer, Miss Elsie Moore, Miss Mary Augusterfer, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Jennie Barron, Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, Miss Susie

* Primary Department.

Corcoran, Miss Nettie E. Seitz, Mr. George R. Linkins, Miss Ella Simmons, Mr. George Luders, Miss Olivia Souder, Mr. Harry Veit—4 male, 9 female. Total, 13.

The banner for attendance is awarded to Miss Belle F. Leed's class, this class having made the best average during the year.

1. The banner for collection is awarded to Mr. John F. McClain's class. Enrollment, 16; collections, \$144.61.

2. The class ranking second is the primary department, Miss Grace E. Fox and Miss Nettie E. Seitz, teachers. Enrollment, 117; collections, \$138.87.

3. The class ranking third is that of Mr. A. F. Fox. Enrollment, 15; collection, \$101.90.

4. The class ranking fourth is that of Mr. M. M. Rouzer. Enrollment, 11; collections, \$58.44.

5. The class ranking fifth is that of Mr. John C. Parker. Enrollment, 5; collections, \$54.99.

6. The class ranking sixth is that of Rev. Dr. Domer. Enrollment, 25; collections, \$53.30.

The remaining classes have all done well, and their standing at this time is very encouraging.

During the year the school has donated to St. Mark's Lutheran Sunday School of this city 50 Gem of Gems song books; to St. John's Sunday School of Wellington, Kansas, 75 song books; to St. Paul's Sunday School of Newark, Ohio, 125 library books, and has given 24 Bibles to a small colored school in the country.

Our new song book first used in January, "Living Hymns," has given entire satisfaction, and is a most excellent selection for the school.

The adult department, organized January 1, has grown by transfers and new members, and, occupying the audience room of the church during the lesson hour, it offers for study of the Word special advantages to its members.

The intermediate department has also grown by accessions from the primary department and new members, and can, by itself, quite fully occupy the entire lecture room of the church.

The year has been one of marked prosperity in all departments of the school, especially in the primary department, which, starting the year with 113 members, has sent four full classes to the intermediate department, and now has a larger number on its roll than it had January 1. It has crowded itself out of its old quarters, and to-day for the first time occupied its new room, which has a seating capacity of at least one-third greater than the old one.

The entire school has gone forward, and the high hopes and aims of one year ago have been realized and accomplished.

The motto for the coming year will be "*ONWARD.*" And now with best wishes for a happy New Year to the members and friends of the school, the records of the year for 1892 are closed.

Very respectfully submitted,

J. GRANVILLE MEYERS, JR.,

Secretary.

The star class in contributions in 1892 was the young men's class, taught by John F. McClain. Look at the figures: Class collections, \$144.61. All this sum turned into the treasury by this one class! Do you want to see the names of this class of young men? Turn to the roll of the school elsewhere. The primary class did quite as well. Their collections were \$138.87. But the primary class takes first place so far in 1893, with its offerings for the first six months of \$85.54.

Treasurer's Report for 1892.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *December 31, 1892.*

To the Officers and Teachers of St. Paul's

English Lutheran Sunday School:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to submit the following as an accurate statement of receipts and disbursements as Treasurer of the above-named school, during the year 1892 :

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand January 1, 1892	\$66 62
Envelopes from congregation on Foreign Mission Day	7 90
Easter anniversary envelopes.....	\$6 17
Basket collection.....	15 06
	21 23
Children's Day, envelopes from congregation.....	16 57
Basket collection.....	12 67
	29 24
Mrs. Flora Eckhardt's class entertainment of May 13, 1892.....	36 00
Miss Grace E. Fox, primary department entertainment, May 25, 1892..	83 14
Dime helpers.....	38 81
Primary birthday bank, 1891.....	5 79
" " " 1892.....	5 41
Main school birthday bank.....	12 85
Donations, etc	2 80
Luther day, envelopes from congregation.. ..	2 30
For three copies S. S. Times.....	1 50
Anniversary collection envelopes.....	\$6 01
Basket collection.....	12 09
	18 10
Direct class offerings.....	1,000 99
	\$1,332 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Christmas treat, 1891.....	\$39 50
Sunday School Union dues	5 00
217 copies Living Hymns.....	76 45
200 Lutheran Herald.....	24 00
Illustrated lessons	12 50
Flowers at funerals of members of school.....	6 00
Engrossing and framing resolutions.....	18 80
Postals and printing.....	38 25
Rewards for attendance, etc.....	52 41
Lesson helps, Little Ones	\$12 00
Rev. Anstadt.....	49 60
Sunday School Times.....	15 00
Primary teachers.....	1 00
	77 60

Brought forward		350 51
Library, primary department.	\$19 60	
“ main school.....	21 56	
“ repairing books.....	7 60	
		<hr/> 48 76
Plants on Children's Day.....		2 00
Towards payment of new piano		15 32
Class books.....		3 50
Easter music.....		13 25
Christmas music.....		14 00
Picnic at Bay Ridge.....		18 10
Incidentals.....		63 49
Benevolence and objects other than support of school :		
Home missions.....	\$152 20	
Foreign “	103 40	
Church extension.....	106 30	
Orphans' Home	101 60	
St. Mark's (South Washington) towards new pews ...	100 00	
Church improvements....	72 71	
John C. Parker's class, towards church improvements	10 00	
World's Fair Building.....	10 00	
		<hr/> 656 21
1892.	\$1,185 14	
December 31. Balance in hands of Treasurer.....	147 54	
		<hr/> \$1,332 68

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT F. FOX,
Treasurer.

We, the undersigned committee, appointed by the teachers of St. Paul's English Lutheran Sunday School to audit the accounts of its treasurer, beg leave to report that we have performed that duty, and find the foregoing account of receipts and expenditures correct and the balance on hand deposited to the credit of school at the Columbia National Bank of this city.

EDWARD T. KAISER,
B. FRANK MEYERS,
Committee.

Officers of the Sunday School, 1893.

Pastor :

Rev. SAMUEL DOMER, D. D., 738 11th street northwest.

Superintendent :

Mr. LUCIUS D. ALDEN, 809 L street northwest.

Assistants :

Adult Department—Mr. DAN N. KLAPP,
59 New York avenue northwest.

Intermediate Department—Mr. CHARLES PHILLIPS,
908 8th street northwest.

Primary Department—Miss GRACE E. FOX,
16 Grant Place.

Miss NETTIE E. SEITZ,
1124 8th street northwest.

Secretaries :

Mr. J. GRANVILLE MEYERS, 1124 8th street northwest.

Mr. PHILIP E. MUTH, 908 8th street northwest.

Treasurer :

Mr. ALBERT F. FOX, 16 Grant Place.

Librarians :

Mr. WILLIAM P. BELT, 614 22d street northwest.

Mr. GEORGE R. LINKINS, 1808 G street northwest.

Musical Director :

Mr. GEORGE F. MUTH, 908 8th street northwest.

Organist :

Miss MARGARET R. FOX, 16 Grant Place.

Assistant :

Mr. EDWARD MUTH, 1124 8th street northwest.

Teachers of the Sunday School, 1893.

Mr. Lucius D. Alden, 809 L street northwest.
 Miss Ada Augusterfer, 804 E street northeast.
 Miss Frances Augusterfer, 804 E street northeast.
 Miss Jennie Barron, 736 11th street northwest.
 Miss Minnie Brower, 1108 6th street northwest.
 Rev. Dr. Samuel Domer, 738 11th street northwest.
 Miss Annie Eckbert, 738 11th street northwest.
 Miss Amy Eckhardt, 1140 18th street northwest.
 Mrs. Joseph Eckhardt, 1140 18th street northwest.
 * Miss Nannie Fleming, 924 Massachusetts avenue N. W.
 Mr. Albert F. Fox, 16 Grant Place.
 Miss Grace E. Fox, 16 Grant Place.
 Miss Margaret R. Fox, 16 Grant Place.
 Mrs. N. T. Haller, 1739 S street northwest.
 Miss Margaret R. Hubert, 903 6th street northwest.
 Miss Zada Kemp, 600 7th street southwest.
 Mr. Dan. N. Klapp, 59 New York avenue northwest.
 Mr. Lee Landers, 1131 8th street northwest.
 Miss Belle F. Leeds, 1314 6th street northwest.
 Miss May Levers, 1219 I street northwest.
 Mr. John F. McClain, 717 9th street northwest.
 Mr. Elder McWilliams, 414 L street northwest.
 Mr. B. Frank Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.
 Miss Clara Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.
 Miss Emma O. Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.
 Mrs. J. Granville Meyers, Jr., 1258 8th street northwest.
 Miss Nelly Mosheuvel, 630 New York avenue northwest.
 Mr. George F. Muth, 908 8th street northwest.
 Mr. John C. Parker, 1430 6th street northwest.
 Mr. Charles Phillips, 908 8th street northwest.
 Mr. M. M. Rouzer, 332 H street northeast.
 Miss Nettie Seitz, 1124 8th street northwest.
 Mr. H. H. Seltzer, 443 5th street northeast.

Substitutes :

Mr. Ernest Fox, 207 G street northeast.
 † Mr. Henry F. Raabe, 1221 10th street northwest.
 † Miss Ella House, 1222 H street northwest.
 Miss Mabel Griffiths, 947 Massachusetts avenue N. W.
 Miss Gertie Barron, 736 11th street northwest.

* To May 1, 1893.

† Teachers from July 1, 1893.

Report of the Superintendent, July 31, 1893.

Organization of the Sunday School to include June 30, 1893.

By Departments—Adult, Intermediate, Primary, occupying the audience room, the lecture and class rooms.

ADULT DEPARTMENT.

Organized January 1, 1892, with Mr. I. N. Kalb, associate superintendent in charge. He was last present March 13, 1892; taken ill at the close of the session, and died May 28, 1892.

Mr. H. H. Seltzer, assistant superintendent in charge from March 28, 1892, and superintendent from November 14, 1892, to December 31, 1892. Office now vacant.

Mr. Dan. N. Klapp, assistant superintendent November 14, 1892.

Classes, 10; mixed, 3; male, 3; female, 4; teachers, 10; scholars, 137; enrollment, 147.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Lucius D. Alden, superintendent of the Sunday school, in charge since July 1, 1878.

Mr. John H. McCormick, assistant superintendent from January 1, 1889. Last present May 8, 1892, and died May 17, 1892.

Mr. Charles Phillips, assistant superintendent from November 14, 1892.

Classes, 19; male, 6; female, 13; teachers, 19; scholars, 179; enrollment, 198.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Miss Grace E. Fox, superintendent and teacher in charge from September 14, 1890.

Miss Nettie E. Seitz, assistant superintendent and teacher since December 17, 1891.

Mrs. Fannie Haller, assistant teacher since January 1st, 1893.

Class, mixed 1; teachers, 3; scholars, 132; enrollment, 135.

THREE DEPARTMENTS.

Classes, 30; mixed, 4; male, 12; female, 14; teachers, 32; scholars, 448; enrollment, 480.

Net gain during 1892: Classes, 3; teachers, 2; scholars, 65; total net gain, 67, or over $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Net gain during first 6 months 1893, 33 scholars.

Net gain for the year ending June, 1893, 1 teacher, 56 scholars; 57 in all, or about $13\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Net gain since January 1, 1892, 100 members, or over 26 per cent.

RECAPITULATION.

Classification by Sex.

ADULT DEPARTMENT.

Male teachers, 7; male scholars, 66; female teachers, 3; female scholars, 71; or male members, 73; female members, 74. Total 147, or about three-tenths of all.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

Male teachers, 6; male scholars, 76; female teachers, 13; female scholars, 103; or male members, 82; female members, 116. Total, 198; about four-tenths of all.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Female teachers, 3; male scholars, 48; female scholars, 84; or male members, 48; female members, 87. Total, 135; nearly three-tenths of all.

Total in All Departments.

Male teachers, 13; female teachers, 19; male scholars, 190; female scholars, 258; or male members, 203; female members, 277. Total, 480; seventeen-fortieths male, twenty-three fortieths female. Excess female members, 74; or three-twentieths.

Officers of the Sunday School, 1893.

[All officers are class members—teachers or scholars]

Rev. Samuel Domer, D. D., pastor, ex-officio in charge from November 1, 1874.

Mr. Lucius D. Alden, superintendent from July 1, 1878.

Mr. Dan. N. Klapp, assistant superintendent adult department, November 14, 1892.

Mr. Charles Phillips, assistant superintendent intermediate department, November 14, 1892, vice Mr. McCormick (deceased).

Miss Grace E. Fox, superintendent primary department, November 14, 1892.

Miss Nettie E. Seitz, assistant superintendent primary department, November 14, 1892.

Mr. J. Granville Meyers, Jr., secretary from January 1, 1890.

Mr. Philip Muth, assistant secretary, from January 1, 1890.

Mr. Albert F. Fox, treasurer from May 25, 1873.

Mr. William P. Belt, librarian from January 1, 1893.

Mr. George R. Linkins, assistant librarian from January 1, 1890.

Miss Margaret R. Fox, organist from September 14, 1890.

Mr. Edward Muth, assistant organist from December 28, 1892.

Musical leader, Mr. George F. Muth, January 1, 1893.

Teachers in the Sunday School, June, 1893—32.

ADULT DEPARTMENT, 10.

Rev. Samuel Domer, D. D., from November 1, 1874.
Miss Annie Eckbert, from May 18, 1881.
Mr. Albert F. Fox, March, 1875.
Mr. Dan. N. Klapp, October 1, 1892.
Miss Belle F. Leeds, from March 17, 1889.
Mr. John F. McClain, May, 1873.
Miss Emma O. Meyers, from March 16, 1884.
Mr. George F. Muth, from May, 1873.
Mr. John C. Parker, October, 1874.
Mr. H. H. Seltzer, March 28, 1892.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT, 19.

Mr. Lucius D. Alden, from July 1, 1878.
Miss Ada Augusterfer, from May 15, 1892.
Miss Frances Augusterfer, from October 6, 1889.
Miss Jennie Barron, from October 5, 1890.
Miss Minnie Brower, from November 16, 1890.
Miss Amy Eckhardt, reappointed July 1, 1892.
Mrs. Jos. Eckhardt, from January 6, 1889.
Miss Margaret R. Fox, from April 21, 1889.
Miss Margie R. Hubert, from November 1, 1891.
Miss Zada Kemp, reappointed November 6, 1892.
Mr. Lee Landers, appointed November 6, 1892.
Miss May Levers, appointed November 6, 1892.
Mr. Elder McWilliams, from October 4, 1891.
Mr. B. Frank Meyers, from January 6, 1889.
Miss Clara Meyers, from April 28, 1889.
Mrs. J. Granville Meyers, reappointed April 1, 1892.
Miss Nellie Mosheuval, from October 5, 1890.
Mr. Charles Phillips, appointed May 22, 1892.
Mr. M. M. Rouzer, from April 14, 1889.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT, 3.

Miss Grace Fox, in charge from September 14, 1890.

Miss Nettie E. Seitz, reappointed December 27, 1891.

Mrs. Fannie Haller, appointed January 1, 1893.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS.

Mr. Ernest Fox, Mr. Henry Raabe, Miss Ella House,
Miss Mabel Griffith, Miss Gertie Barron.

The Teachers' Association consists of all officers and teachers of the school.

Enrollment of the Sunday School, June, 1893,

BY DEPARTMENTS AND CLASSES.

[Name and address of each member.]

Adult Department.

Classes, 10; teachers, 10; scholars, 137; enrollment, 147.

Rev. SAMUEL DOMER, D. D., *teacher*, 738 11th street northwest.

Miss Bella Bartells, 709 5th street northwest.

Mrs. J. A. Carson, 709 4th street northeast.

Mr. E. B. Corcoran, 1723 9th street northwest.

Miss Mollie Davis, 1216 L street northwest.

Miss Lillian Gunsalus, 926 P street northwest.

Miss Addie Harr, 405 Spruce street, LeDroit Park.

Mr. William Harr, 405 Spruce street, LeDroit Park.

Mrs. Clara Harris, 1109 10th street northwest.

Mrs. Lou Heusey, 940 S street northwest.

Mr. H. C. Metzger, 410 7th street southeast.

Mr. J. G. Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.

Mrs. J. G. Meyers, 1209 10th street northwest.

Miss Emma Palmer, 1010 New Jersey avenue northwest.

Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, 304 M street northwest.

Miss Sophie Pitchlynn, 1104 6th street northwest.

Mrs. J. H. Platt, 812 6th street northwest.

Mr. Henry Raabe, 1221 10th street northwest.

Miss Kate Rawlings, 1202 Massachusetts avenue northwest.

Miss Lulu Roberts, 1829 9th street northwest.

Mrs. Ada Sauer, 711 Massachusetts avenue northeast.

Miss Helen Schreiner, 1307 6th street northwest,

Mr. N. Z. Seitz, 1124 8th street northwest.
Miss Nora Thomas, 926 P street northwest.
Miss Amelia Wagner, 1246 8th street northwest.
Mr. Charles Webel, 416 H street northwest.
Mr. J. A. Weigle, 1912 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
Mr. W. E. Zimmerman, 206 New Jersey avenue southeast.

Miss ANNIE ECKBERT, *teacher*, 738 11th street northwest.

Miss Alice Baldwin, 1010 E street northwest.
Miss Minnie Getner, 1704 4th street northwest.
Mrs. Emma G. Hines, 1548 New Jersey avenue northwest.
Miss Julia Olsen, 1426 Linden Place.
Miss Eva Scott, 1318 E street northwest.
Miss Jennie Simmons, 1704 4th street northwest.
Mrs. Ida G. Walker, 1805 3d street northwest.
Miss Jennie Westboro, 1129 4th street northwest.

Mr. A. F. Fox, *teacher*, 16 Grant Place northwest.

Mr. Frank Brower, 1108 6th street northwest.
Edward Cassell, 1613 8th street northwest.
William A. Domer, 738 11th street northwest.
Joseph Eckhart, 1140 18th street northwest.
Murray Hackett, 6 I street northeast.
Charles M. Henneberger, 219 4½ street northwest.
J. Harry Kemp, 600 7th street southwest.
J. W. Lawrenson, 1550 3d street northwest.
Burton Moore, 620 O street northwest.
Phil E. Muth, 908 8th street northwest.
Henry Orth, 1011 L street northwest.
E. Everett Pitchlynn, 1104 6th street northwest.
J. H. Platt, 812 6th street northwest.
* Martin L. Shuffler, Frederick, Maryland.
Charles Stickell, 414 New York avenue northwest.

Mr. DAN. N. KLAPP, *teacher*, 59 New York avenue.

Miss Nelly Betz, 807 O street northwest.
Clara Donch, 608 H street northwest.
Ella House, 1222 H street northwest.
Gelia House, 1222 H street northwest.
Effie Miller, 603 H street northwest.
Ottelia Miller, 603 H street northwest.
Edith Morgan, 929 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
Mary Morgan, 929 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
Mamie Thomas, 625 K street northwest.

* Arrives on train in time for school each Sunday.

Miss BELLE LEEDS, *teacher*, 1314 6th street northwest.

Miss Bertha Grossart, 1826 8th street northwest.

Gertrude Iseman, 616 D street northwest.

Maggie Iseman, 624 New York avenue northwest.

Florence Mosheuvel, 630 New York avenue northwest.

Bertha Orth, 1011 L street northwest.

Minnie Stetler, 925 N street northwest

Mr. JOHN F. McCLAIN, *teacher*, 717 9th street northwest.

Mr. S. Cottrell, Jr., 515 F street northwest.

Edwin H. Duff, 513 13th street northwest.

L. H. Emmert, 719 12th street northwest.

Edmund K. Fox, 16 Grant Place northwest.

Harry Hamilton, 424 10th street southwest.

Jacob Jacobson, 2502 I street northwest.

Edward T. Kaiser, 507 M street northwest.

Mrs. Edward T. Kaiser, 507 M street northwest.

Mr. H. Carter Kincheloe, 813 L street northwest

Andrew McClain, 721 9th street northwest.

Charles Meyers, Brightwood, D. C.

J. Granville Meyers, 1258 8th street northwest.

W. V. Pickett.

Lee Pitchlynn, 1104 6th street northwest.

Emil G. Schafer, 416 11th street northwest.

Louis Schmid.

Ferd Schneider, 1322 Vermont avenue northwest.

Harry M. Schneider, 812 11th street northwest.

J. J. Viet, 1506 8th street northwest.

Miss Sue Wilson, 203 A street southeast.

Miss EMMA MEYERS, *teacher*, 1209 10th street northwest.

Mr. William P. Belt, 614 22d street northwest.

Howard Griffith, 947 Massachusetts avenue northwest.

A. J. Klapp, 59 New York Avenue northwest.

George R. Linkins, 1808 G street northwest.

Louis Luders, 2210 12th street northwest.

Stacy Ransom, 1201 I street northwest.

John Rouzer, 332 H street northeast.

Christian Zimmerman, 321 Missouri avenue northwest.

Mr. GEORGE F. MUTH, *teacher*, 908 8th street northwest.

Miss Gertie Barron, 736 11th street northwest.

Ella Clarkson, 1238 5th street northwest.

Bertie Fox, 207 G street northeast.

Lizzie Gibbs, 1111 Rhode Island avenue northwest.

Miss Mabel Griffith, 947 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
Agnes Hawken, 719 9th street northwest.
Pauline Hills, 919 8th street northwest.
Maggie Jones, 431 M street northwest.
Lillian Keenan, 423 New York avenue northwest.
Lillie Krause, 1223 New York avenue.
Minnie McCormick, 6 I street northeast.

Mrs. Jessie M. Metzger, 419 New York avenue northwest.

Miss Elizabeth Nixon, 415 M street northwest.

Blanche Pendel, 394 M street northwest.
Bertie Reichenbach, 1003 8th street northwest.
Rose Smith, 1252 10th street northwest.
Lena Stokes, 717 K street northwest.
Nellie Thurn, 812 I street northwest.
Florence Walter, 931 E street northwest.
Mary Walter, 931 E street northwest.

Mr. JOHN C. PARKER, *teacher*, 1430 6th street northwest.

Mr. Edward Augusterfer, 804 E street northeast.

William Gentner, 1704 4th street northwest.

Henry Hills, 919 8th street northwest.

William Hurley, 27 Grant Place northwest.

Harry Johuson, 921 N street northwest.

Harry Krause, 1223 New York avenue northwest.

Edward Leeds, 1314 6th street northwest.

Guy Ourand, 1218 New Jersey avenue northwest.

Conrad Schoell, 629 Sheriden street.

John C. Squires, 1252 10th street northwest.

William Widmayer, Brightwood avenue.

Mr. H. H. SELTZER, *teacher*, 443 5th street northeast.

Mrs. Margaret Barr, 722 6th street northwest.

Mr. G. W. Bauman, 417 12th street southeast.

Miss Katie Decker, 1108 6th street northwest.

Mr. Ernest Fox, 207 G street northeast.

Mrs. J. Gristock, 804 E street southeast.

Mrs. I. N. Kalb, 630 Q street northwest.

Mr. Charles H. Ourand, 434 New York avenue northwest.

Mr. Frank Ourand, 934 I street northwest.

Mrs. John C. Parker, 1430 6th street northwest.

Mrs. H. Reamer, 907 New York avenue northwest.

Mr. P. M. Richardson, 9 Grant Place.

Mrs. P. M. Richardson, 9 Grant Place.

Miss Bettie Suman, 639 I street northwest.

Intermediate Department.

Classes, 19; teachers, 19; scholars, 179; enrollment, 198.

Miss NANNIE FLEMING, *teacher* to May 1st.

Mr. LUCIUS D. ALDEN, *teacher* from May 1st, 809 L street northwest.

William Gottherdt, Prospect street, Eckington.

Charles Gummell, Prospect street, Eckington.

Edward Gummell, Prospect street, Eckington.

Augustus Kahlert, 1742 6th street northwest.

William Luders, 2210 12th street northwest.

Fred Rott, 1006 6th street northwest.

Charles Veit, 1506 8th street northwest.

Miss ADA AUGUSTERFER, *teacher*, 804 E street northeast.

Merl DeMoll, 804 E street southeast.

Claude Ford, 1000 6th street northwest.

Clarence Johnson, 1015 New York avenue northwest.

Gordon Krause, 1223 New York avenue northwest.

Darwin Lee, 806 G street southwest.

William Ourand, 934 I street northwest.

Louis Rott, 1006 6th street northwest.

Frank Rupp, 1336 6th street northwest.

Miss FRANCES AUGUSTERFER, *teacher*, 804 E street northeast.

Katie Arenz, 12 L street northwest.

Tillie Grossart, 1826 8th street northwest.

Emma Heinrich, 731 7th street northwest.

Ida Keiny, 332 H street northeast.

Bertie Mnth, 908 8th street northwest.

Gertrude Pond, 1316 F street northwest.

Ella Reed, 634½ L street northwest.

Bessie Squires, 1252 10th street northwest.

Miss JENNIE BARRON, *teacher*, 736 11th street northwest.

Sarah Browne, 1115 9th street northwest.

Blanche Carson, 709 4th street northeast.

Augusta Grossart, 1826 8th street northwest.

Nellie Harr, 405 Spruce street, LeDroit Park.

Florence Hill, 426 Florida avenue.

Ollie Jones, 431 M street northwest.

Lulu Kahlert, 1742 6th street northwest.

Ella Keefer, 215 R street northwest.

Minnie Koss, 501 Florida avenue.

Ella McCormick, 912 Virginia avenue southwest.

Mary Moore, 1537 Marion street northwest.

Minnie Mueller, 803 8th street northwest.

Miss Lillie Preusser, 1215 H street northwest.
Ollie Roberts, 1537 Marion street northwest.
Mattie Simmons, 940 F street southwest.
Eva Stalker, Oxford Hotel, 14th St. and New York ave. N. W.

Miss MINNIE BROWER, *teacher*, 1108 6th street northwest.
Edna Cassidy, 504 K street northwest.
Maggie Gottherdt, Prospect street, Eckington.
Bertie Grahe, 1217 9th street northwest.
Eva Grossart, 1826 8th street northwest.
Irene Gummell, Prospect street, Eckington.
Louise Gummell, Prospect street, Eckington.
Pauline Mayer, 318 Indiana avenue.
Mamie Reed, 634½ L street northwest.
Hattie Sheiklin, 1246 9th street northwest.
Ella Simmons, 940 F street northwest.
Olivia Souder, 1219 G street northwest.

Miss AMY ECKHARDT, *teacher*, 1140 18th street northwest.
Clarence Brower, 1108 6th street northwest.
Albert Haight, 930 E street northwest.
Arthur Johnson, 925 N street northwest.
Mark Krause, 1223 New York avenue northwest.
William H Linkins, 1808 G street northwest.
Fred Luders, 2210 12th street northwest.
Clyde Morgan, 929 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
Harry Veit, 1506 8th street northwest.

Mrs. JOSEPH ECKHARDT, *teacher*, 1140 18th street northwest.
Helen Beatty, 924 4th street northwest.
Mary Collins, 458 K street northwest.
Mabel Espey, 904 3d street northwest.
Julia Iseman, 443 6th street northwest.
Gussie Krause, 1223 New York avenue northwest.
Violet Mansfield, 2222 G street northwest.
Mary Pennel, 458 K street northwest.

Miss MARGARET R. FOX, *teacher*, 16 Grant Place northwest.
Helen DeMoll, 804 E street southeast.
Lillie Eberly, 812 H street northwest.
Stella Erickson, 9 Defrees street northwest.
Vernie Garner, 1233 8th street northwest.
Callie Grahe, 1217 9th street northwest.
Christina Kultz, 507 11th street northwest.

Elsie Lerch, 704 5th street northwest.
Bessie Moore, 1012 S street northwest.
Nettie Nau, 8 L street northwest.
Lulu Thomas, 625 K street northwest.

Miss MARGARET R. HUBERT, *teacher*, 903 6th street northwest.

Anna Grace Alden, 809 L street northwest.
Edith Browne, 1115 9th street northwest.
Mamie Day, 6 I street northeast.
Nettie Eberly, 812 H street northwest.
Bessie Eckhardt, 1140 18th street northwest.
Emma Gebner, 1211 New York avenue northwest.
Daisy Koss, 501 Florida avenue northwest.
Josie Ridgley, 403 Spruce street, LeDroit Park.
Belle Schwaab, 1211 H street northwest.
Laura Walker, 318 12th street northwest.

Miss ZADA KEMP, *teacher*, 600 7th street southwest.

Clayton Amman, 445 H street northwest.
Albert Blue, 705 K street northwest.
Walter Griffith, 420 10th street northwest.
Theodore Judd, 600 7th street southwest.
Ralph Kern, 1625 New Jersey avenue northwest.
Werner Lutz, 632 G street northwest.
Warren McClain, 617 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
Albert Moore, 1222 10th street northwest.
Paul Pitchlynn, 1104 6th street northwest.
William Tilp, 1623 New Jersey avenue northwest.

Mr. LEE LANDERS, *teacher*, 1104 12th street northwest.

Kurie Beatty, 922 4th street northwest.
Joseph Ford, 1000 6th street northwest.
Harry Gentner, 1116 7th street northwest.
Elbert Herman, 922 I street northwest.
William Keefer, 215 R street northwest.
Edward Lee, 806 G street southwest.
George Luders, 2210 12th street northwest.
William Pond, 1316 F street northwest.

Miss MAY LEVERS, *teacher*, 1219 I street northwest.

Mary Augusterfer, 804 E street northeast.
Gertrude Clarkson, 1239 5th street northwest.
Susie Corcoran, 1723 9th street northwest.
Mary Eckert, 910 11th street northwest.

Florence Johnson, 1015 I street northwest.
 Isabel Judd, 600 7th street southwest.
 Myrtle Moore, 1106 North Capitol street.
 Nellie Nixon, 415 M street northwest.
 Gussie Thill, 1220 8th street northwest.
 Mabel Watson, 1014 8th street northwest.

Mr. ELDER MCWILLIAMS, *teacher*, 414 L street northwest.

Louis Adams, 808 11th street northwest.
 Hugh Augusterfer, 332 H street northeast.
 Harry Deckman, 938 I street northwest.
 Arthur McClain, 617 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
 Harry Pruesser, 1215 H street northwest.
 William Pruesser, 1215 H street northwest.
 Harry Riggles, 911 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
 Willie Thomas, 625 K street northwest.
 George Winans, 903 6th street northwest.

Mr. B. FRANK MEYERS, *teacher*, 1209 10th street northwest.

L. Russell Alden, 809 L street northwest.
 Thomas Augusterfer, 704 4th street northeast.
 Frank Blue, 705 K street northwest.
 Fred DeMoll, 804 E street southeast.
 Theodore Lee, 806 G street southwest.
 Charles Ouraud, 934 I street northwest.
 Fred Reichenbach, 1003 8th street northwest.
 Edward Thomas, 812 6th street northwest.

Miss CLARA MEYERS, *teacher*, 1209 10th street northwest.

Minnie Barron, 736 11th street northwest.
 Eva Betz, 807 O street northwest.
 Gertrude Blue, 705 K street northwest.
 Annie Boggs, 1303 9th street northwest.
 Ruby Clarkson, 1238 5th street northwest.
 Annie Connor, 469 New York avenue northwest.
 Louie Leeds, 1314 6th street northwest.
 Blanch Meyers, 404 M street northwest.
 Augusta Shraudner, 7th street road.
 Lizzie Shraudner, 7th street road.
 Selma Spelshouse, 1028 7th street northwest.
 Katie Widmayer, Brightwood avenue.
 Lena Willers, 1226 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Mrs. J. GRANVILLE MEYERS, JR., *teacher*, 1124 8th street northwest.

Bessie House, 1222 H street northwest.
 Werdna House, 1222 H street northwest.

Blanche Koontz, 1216 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
 Carrie Orth, 1011 L street northwest.
 Florence Sauer, 711 Massachusetts avenue northeast.
 Lorla Spelshouse, 1028 7th street northwest.
 Rita Stinzing, 1330 8th street northwest.
 Annie Walter, 931 F street northwest.

Miss NELLIE MOSHEUVEL, *teacher*, 630 New York avenue northwest.

May Corcoran, 1723 9th street northwest.
 Agnes Johnson, 1014 I street northwest.
 Lillian Krause, 1253 I street northeast.
 Lottie McClain, 617 Massachusetts avenue northwest.
 Anna Manglitz, 1246 9th street northwest.
 Annie Rott, 1006 6th street northwest.
 Emma W. Stephens, 809 E street northwest.
 Lena Thill, 1220 8th street northwest
 Daisy Wilson, 620 O street northwest.

Mr. CHARLES PHILLIPS, *teacher*, 908 8th street northwest.

William Clarkson, 1239 5th street northwest.
 Leroy Duvall, 1148 8th street northwest.
 Fred Gottherdt, Prospect street, Eckington.
 Frank Gummell, Prospect street, Eckington.
 Walter Kern, 1625 New Jersey avenue northwest.
 Ernest Krause, 1253 I street northeast.
 Charles Seltzer, 443 5th street northeast.
 Charles Tilp, 1623 New Jersey avenue northwest.

Mr. M. M. ROUZER, *teacher*, 332 H street northeast.

Harry Domer, 738 11th street northwest.
 Kieffer Grahe, 1237 9th street northwest.
 William Grahe, 1237 9th street northwest.
 Harry Jeanneret, 1107 G street northwest.
 William Johnson, 925 N street northwest.
 Arthur Krause, 1223 New York avenue northwest.
 Charles Linkins, 1808 G street northwest.
 Fred Lutz, 632 G street northwest.
 Edward Muth, 908 8th street northwest.
 Ernest Preusser, 1215 H street northwest.

Primary Department.

Teachers, 3; scholars, 132; enrollment, 135.

Miss GRACE E. FOX, *teacher*, 16 Grant Place.

Miss NETTIE E. SEITZ, *teacher*, 1124 8th street northwest.

Mrs. FANNIE HALLER, *teacher*, 1739 S street northwest.

Edna Adams, 1322 Vermont avenue.

Hattie Alden, 809 L street northwest.

Ruth Alden, 809 L street northwest.

Lillie Alexander.

Grace Augusterfer, 700 4th street northeast.

Irene Bachenheimer, 834 New Hampshire avenue.

Mamie Bandel, 804 K street northwest.

Margie Beatty, 922 4th street northwest.

Edward Blue, 907 New York avenue northwest.

Ralph Blue, 705 K street northwest.

Willie Blue, 705 K street northwest.

Mary Andrews Clark, 615 12th street northwest.

Grace Clarkson, 1239 5th street northwest.

Amy Cole, 408 M street northwest.

Eva Cook, 1022 7th street northwest.

Rowell Cook, 1022 7th street northwest.

George Crane, 1246 9th street northwest.

Eugene Curtis, 1011 K street northwest.

Freddy Eberly, 812 H street northwest.

Charles Eckert, 910 11th street northwest.

Katie Eckert, 910 11th street northwest.

Percy Emmert, 719 12th street northwest.

Arthur Fenton, 716 13th street northwest.

Jack Fenton, 716 13th street northwest.

Annie Foley, 1129 4th street northwest.

Minnie Foster, 1527 Marion street.

Daisy Gibbs, 1111 Rhode Island avenue northwest.

Gertrude Gibbs, 1111 Rhode Island avenue northwest.

George Gottherdt, Prospect street, Eckington.

Jennie Graham, 710 13th street northwest.

Rosie Grahe, 1237 9th street northwest.

Mary Griffith, 420 10th street northwest.

Carrie Grossart, 1826 8th street northwest.

Minnie Grossart, 1826 8th street northwest.

Bertha Grundlach, 927½ E street northwest.

Susie Grundlach, 927½ E street northwest.

Eddie Haller, 1739 S street northwest.

Morrison Haller, 1739 S street northwest.

May Harris, 1109 10th street northwest.

Katie Hartig, 1109 5th street northwest.

Louis Hartig, 1109 5th street northwest.

Minnie Hartig, 1109 5th street northwest.
Lina Hauer, 708 North Capitol street.
Wilber Hauer, 708 North Capitol street.
Harry Hendige, 301 C street northwest.
Clarence Hensey, 940 S street northwest.
Henry Herbert, 440 9th street northwest.
Willie Herbert, 440 9th street northwest.
Marion Hoover, 1209 New Jersey avenue northwest.
Mollie Iseman, 624 New York avenue.
George Jenkins, 636 O street northwest.
Lizzie Jenkins, 636 O street northwest.
Olive Johnson, 1015 I street northwest.
Bernard Judd, 600 7th street southwest.
Blanche Judd, 600 7th street southwest.
Bessie Kalb, 630 Q street northwest.
Dorothy Kalb, 630 Q street northwest.
Emma King, 1009 K street northwest.
Ruby King, 1009 K street northwest.
Claude Koss, 501 Florida avenue.
Emil Krause, 732 11th street northwest.
Leroy Krause, 1223 New York avenue northwest.
Leslie Krause, 732 11th street northwest.
Minnie Kreuten, 1515 Marion street.
Louis Lerch, 705 5th street northwest.
Harry Lester.
Esther Linkins, 1808 G street northwest.
Charles Luders, 2210 12th street northwest.
Marguerite Martin, 720 17th street northwest.
Rosie Mayer, 318 Indiana avenue.
Bessie Monaghan, 206 G street northwest.
Elsie Moore, 1537 Marion street.
Lillian Moore, 1537 Marion street.
Nellie Moore, 1106 North Capitol street.
Frank Morgan, 929 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
Alice Mosheuvell, 619 N street northwest.
Gilbert Nairn, 1203 F street northwest.
Hattie Nairn, 1203 F street northwest.
Annice Nixon, 415 M street northwest.
Mamie O'Connor, 479 New York avenue northwest.
Fame Ourand, 934 I street northwest.
Margie Ourand, 434 New York avenue northwest.
Ralph Ourand, 434 New York avenue northwest.
Agnes Parkhurst, 921 E street northwest.
Bailey Peacock, 1213 H street northwest.
Bertha Platt, 812 6th street northwest.
Ernest Reichenbach, 1003 8th street northwest.
Lourita Reiner, 1313 9th street northwest.
Ada Rose, 736 11th street northwest.

Alma Rose, 736 11th street northwest.
 Clarence Rose, 736 11th street northwest.
 Morris Rosson, 1331 6th street northwest.
 Wythe Rosson, 1331 6th street northwest.
 Emil Rott, 1006 6th street northwest.
 Gussie Rott, 1006 6th street northwest.
 Emma Schafer, 426 11th street northwest.
 Freda Schafer, 426 11th street northwest.
 Minnie Schafer, 426 11th street northwest.
 Eddie Schmid, 712 12th street northwest.
 Edua Schmid, 712 12th street northwest.
 Ella Schmid, 475 H street northwest.
 Florence Schmid, 712 12th street northwest.
 Tina Schmid, 712 12th street northwest.
 Minnie Schultzbach, 713 6th street northwest.
 Katie Schwab, 1211 H street northwest.
 Hattie Seitz, 1124 8th street northwest.
 Edgar Seltzer, 443 5th street northeast.
 Marguerite Sheiklin, 1246 9th street northwest.
 Gertrude Smith, 908 10th street northwest.
 Katie Smith, 908 10th street northwest.
 Agnes Souder, 1219 G street northwest.
 Beatrice Souder, 1219 G street northwest.
 Doris Spelshouse, 1028 7th street northwest.
 Mary Steinle, 1011 New York avenue northwest.
 Marie Stewart, 400 6th street northwest.
 Clemas Stinzing, 1327 8th street northwest.
 Agnes Suman, 664 Callan street northeast.
 Ruppert Suman, 693 Callan street northeast.
 Harper Thomas, 812 6th street northwest.
 Arthur Tilp, 1623 New Jersey avenue.
 Elsie Veit, 1506 8th street northwest.
 May Veit, 1506 8th street northwest.
 Andrew Walker, 1806 Harewood avenue.
 Ralph Watson, 1014 8th street northwest.
 Walter Watson, 1014 8th street northwest.
 Irene Webel, 416 H street northwest.
 Katie Webel, 416 H street northwest.
 Louise Webel, 416 H street northwest.
 Claribel Weigle, 1912 New Hampshire avenue northwest.
 Marion White, 1336 I street northwest.
 Richard White, 1336 I street northwest.
 Willie Willers, 1226 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Families represented in Primary Department.....	96
Family names.....	94
Male members.....	48
Female members.....	87

Enrollment June, 1893.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF MEMBERS.

Adams, Edna	Cole, Amy	Genter, William
Louis	Collins, Mary	Gibbs, Daisy
Alden, Anna Grace	Connor, Annie	Gertrude
Hattie E.	Cook, Eva	Lizzie
Lucius D.	Rowell	Gottherdt, Fred
L. Russell	Corcoran, E. B.	George
L. Ruth	May	Maggie
Alexander, Lillie	Susie	William
Annian, Clayton	Cottrell, S., Jr.	Graham, Jennie
Arenz, Katie	Crane, George	Grahe, Bertie
Augusterfer, Ada	Curtis, Eugene	Callie
Edward	Davis, Mollie E.	Keefer
Frances	Day, Mamie	Rosie
Grace	Decker, Katie	William
Hugh	Deckman, Harry	Griffith, Howard
Mary	DeMoll, Fred	Mabel
Thomas	Helen	Mary
Backenheimer, Irene	Merl	Walter
Baldwin, Alice	Domer, Harry	Gristock, Mrs. J.
Bandel, Mamie	Samuel, Rev. Dr.	Grossart, Augustus
Barr, Mrs Margaret	William A.	Bertha
Barron, Gertie	Donch, Clara	Carrie
Jennie	Duff, Edwin H.	Eva
Minnie	Duvall, Leroy	Minnie
Bartells, Bella	Eberly, Freddy	Tillie
Bauman, G. W.	Lillie	Grundlach, Bertha
Beatty, Helen	Nettie	Susie
Kurie	Eckbert, Annie	Gunnell, Charles
Margie	Eckert, Charles	Edward
Belt, William P.	Katie	Frank
Betz, Eva	Mary	Irene
Nellie	Eckhart, Amy	Louisa
Blue, Albert	Bessie	Gunsalus, Lillian
Edward	Joseph	Hackett, Murray
Frank	Mrs. Joseph	Haight, Albert
Gertrude	Emmert, L. H.	Haller, Edward
Ralph	Percy	Mrs. Fannie
Willie	Erickson, Stella	Morrison
Boggs, Annie	Espey, Mabel	Hamilton, Harry
Browne, Edith	Fenton, Arthur	Harr, Addie
Sarah	Jack	Nellie
Brower, Clarence	Foley, Annie	William
Frank	Ford, Claud	Harris, Mrs. Clara
Minnie	Joseph	Harris, May
Bushman, Blandina	Foster, Minnie	Hartig, Katie
Carson, Blanche	Fox, Albert F.	Louis
Mrs. J. A.	Bertie	Minnie
Cassell, Edward	Fox, Edmund K.	Hauer, Lina
Cassiday, Edna	Ernest	Wilber
Clark, Mary A.	Grace E.	Hawken, Agnes
Clarkson, Ella	Margaret R.	Heinrich, Emma
Gertrude	Garner, Vernie	Hendige, Harry
Clarkson, Grace	Gebner, Emma	Henneberger, C. M.
Ruby	Genter, Harry	Hensey, Clarence
William	Minnie	Mrs. Lou

Herbert, Henry	Kramer, Lillian	Meyers, Mrs. J. G., Jr.
Herbert, Willie	Krause, Arthur	Meyers, J. G.
Herman, Elbert	Emil	Meyers, Mrs. J. G.
Hill, Florence	Ernest	Miller, Effie
Hills, Henry	Gordon	Ottilia
Pauline	Gussie	Monaghan, Bessie
Hines, Mrs. E. G.	Harry	Moore, Albert
Hoover, Marion	Lillian	Bessie
House, Bessie	Lillie	Burton
Ella	Leroy	Elsie
Gelia	Leslie	Lillian
Werdna	Mark	Mary
Hubert, Margaret R.	Kreuter, Minnie	Myrtle
Hurley, William	Kultz, Christina	Nellie
Iseman, Gertrude	Landers, Lee	Morgan, Edith
Julia	Lawrenson, J. W.	Frank
Maggie	Lee, Darwin	Clyde
Mollie	Edward	Mary
Jacobson, Jacob	Theodore	Mosheuvel, Alice
Jeanneret, Harry	Leeds, Belle F.	Florence
Jenkins, George	Edward	Nellie
Lizzie	Louie	Mueller, Minnie
Johuson, Agnes	Lerch, Elsie	Muth, Bertie
Arthur	Louis	Edward
Clarence	Lester, Harry	George F.
Florence	Levers, May	Phil. E.
Harry	Linkins, Charles	Nairn, Gilbert
Olive	Esther	Hattie
William	George R.	Nau, Nettie
Jones, Maggie	William H.	Nixon, Annice
Ollie	Lnders, Charles	Elizabeth
Judd, Bernard	Fred	Nelly
Blanche	George	O'Connor, Mamie
Isabel	Louis	Olsen, Julia
Theodore	William	Orth, Bertha
Kahlert, Augustus	Lutz, Fred	Carrie
Lulu	Werner	Henry
Kaiser, Edward T.	McClain, Andrew	Ourand, Charles H.
Mrs. Edward T.	Arthur	Charles
Kalb, Bessie	John F.	Fame
Dorothy	Lottie	Frank
Mrs. I. N.	Warren	Guy
Keefer, Ella	McCormick, Ella	Margie
William	Minnie	Ralph
Keenan, Lillian	McWilliams, Elder	William
Kemp, J. H.	Manglitz, Anna	Palmer, Emma
Kemp, Zada	Mausfield, Violet	Parker, John C.
Kern, Ralph	Martin, Marguerite	Mrs. John C.
Walter	Mayer, Pauline	Parkhurst, Agnes
Kieny, Ida	Rosie	Peacock, Bailly
Kincheloe, H. Carter	Metzger, H. C.	Pendel, Blanche
King, Emma	Mrs. Jessie M.	Thomas F.
Ruby	Meyers, Blanche	Pennel, Mary
Klapp, A. J.	Charles	Phillips, Charles
Dan. N.	Clara	Pickett, W. V.
Koontz, Blanche	Emma O.	Pitchlynn, E. Everett
Koss, Claude	B. Frank	Lee
Daisy	J. Granville, Jr.	Paul
Minnie		

Pitchlynn, Sophie	Schoell, Conrad	Suman, Bettie
Platt, Bertha	Schmid, Eddie	Ruppert
J. H.	Edna	Thill, Gussie
Mrs. J. H.	Ella	Lena
Pond, Gertrude	Florence	Thomas, Edward
William	Louis	Harper
Preusser, Ernest	Tina	Lulu
Harry	Schneider, Ferd	Mamie
Lillie	Harry M.	Nora
William	Scott, Eva	William
Raabe, Henry	Schraudner, Augusta	Thurn, Nellie
Ransom, Stacy	Lizzie	Tilp, Arthur
Rawlings, Kate	Schreiner, Helen	Charles
Reamer, Mrs. H.	Schultzbach, Minnie	William
Reed, Ella	Schwab, Belle	Veit, Charles
Mamie	Katie	Elsie
Reichenbach, Bertie	Seitz, Hattie	Harry J.
Ernest	N. Z.	J. J.
Fred	Nettie E.	May
Reiner, Lourita	Seltzer, Charles	Wagner, Amelia
Richardson, P. M.	Edgar	Walker, Andrew
Mrs. P. M.	H. H.	Mrs. Ida G.
Ridgley, Josie	Shuffler, Martin L.	Laura
Riggles, Harry	Simmons, Ella	Walter, Annie
Roberts, Lulu	Jennie	Florence
Ollie	Mattie	Mary
Rose, Ada	Smith, Gertrude	Watson, Mabel
Alma	Katie	Ralph
Clarence	Rose	Walter
Rosson, Morris	Souder, Agnes	Webel, Charles
Wythe	Beatrice	Irene
Rott, Annie	Olivia	Katie
Emil	Spelshouse, Doris	Louise
Fred	Lorla	Weigle, Claribel
Gussie	Selma	J. A.
Louis	Squires, Bessie	Westboro, Jennie
Rouzer, John	John C.	White, Marion
Rouzer, M. M.	Stalker, Eva	Richard
Rupp, Frank	Steinle, Mary	Willers, Lena
Sauer, Mrs. Ada	Stettler, Minnie	Willie
Florence	Stevens, Emma W.	Widmayer, Katie
Schafer, Emil G.	Stewart, Marie	William
Emma	Stickell, Charles E.	Wilson, Daisy
Freda	Stinzing, Clemas	Sue
Minnie	Rita	Winaus, George
Sheiklin, Hattie	Stokes, Lena	Zimmerman, Chris.
Marguerite	Suman, Agnes	Zimmerman, W. E.

Names.....	480
Families represented.....	267
Family names.....	230
Church members.....	160

Or, $\frac{1}{3}$ of all.

ENTERED IN JULY, 1893.

Duffy, Sadie	Matthews, Naomi	Viedt, Emma
Gott, Elwood	McClain, Marion	Flora
Howard, Folley	Middekoff, L. H.	Jennie
Mahoney, Alice	Schneibel, Edith	Julius
		Pauline

Equipments.

Bibles for all—Song book “Living Hymns,” full supply. Monthly papers, main room, “Lutheran S. S. Herald.”

LESSON HELPS.

For teachers: “Teachers’ Journal,” Anstadt; “Sunday School Times.” For scholars, main room: “Lesson Quarterly,” Anstadt. For Primary Department: “The Little Ones,” Lutheran Pub. Society; “The Little Bible Lesson Pictures.”

ILLUSTRATIONS.

The illustrated lessons: Providence Lithograph Co.’s—I set for main room and 1 set for primary room.

BLACKBOARDS.

Large and small for main room and primary room.

BIRTHDAY BANKS.

One in main room, one in primary room.

TWO LIBRARIES.

One in main room, 400 volumes. One in primary room, 200 volumes.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

One piano, two organs.

MEETINGS.

For teachers and others, Monday, 7.30 p. m., superintendent presiding, for study of the lesson for the following Sunday and the transaction of business.

Regular session of the school every Sunday morning, 9.30 to 10.45.

ELECTIONS YEARLY.

All officers at the close of the year for the year following.

APPOINTMENTS.

All teachers—by the superintendent; approved by the Teachers' Association.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By vote of the Teachers' Association, on the approval of the superintendent.

SPECIAL DAYS.

Review Sunday—last Sunday of each quarter; three departments in one; review by the superintendent.

Foreign Mission day.

Palm Sunday.

Easter Sunday, Church Extension day.

Roll-call day.

Children's day, Lutheran Orphans' Home day.

Rallying day.

Luther day, Home Mission day.

Christmas.

OBJECT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The object of this Sunday school is to teach the Word of God, to bring souls to Christ, to watch over them and to instruct them in the practical virtues of Christian character. The children attending the school also receive training in punctual habits and orderly behavior, and have an opportunity of acquiring much useful knowledge.

It is also the aim of the school to enlist and train many workers for the Master's cause. There is no *graduating* from it.

THE STUDY OF THE WORD.

This has been along the line of the International Lesson system for many years, to the satisfaction of all

concerned, and a better study and understanding of the Word of God than was obtained in any other way formerly in use. The school is fully supplied with Bibles, and they are used by all.

WHAT IT COSTS.

"A good Sunday school costs something. It costs money, which somebody must give ; and it costs what no money can buy—unselfish and tireless endeavor on the part of superintendent and teachers. No Sunday school "runs itself," unless, indeed, it is going down hill; and then it can hardly be called a good Sunday school. He who hopes to have a good Sunday school in his field of labor without a liberal outlay, will be disappointed in his hopes ; and he ought to be disappointed."—*S. S. Times, October 23, 1886.*

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

CLASS I.

The roll of honor was instituted in January, 1879, and Class 1 contains the names of members of the Sunday school who have been perfect in attendance or study for one or more years during that time. The names on the roll number in all 109, as follows :

	Males.	Females.	Total.
On the roll for 1 year	20	31	51
On the roll for 2 years.....	10	9	19
On the roll for 3 years.....	4	13	17
On the roll for 4 years.....	6	6	12
On the roll for 5 years.....	2	...	2
On the roll for 6 years.....	2	1	3
On the roll for 8 years.....	2	2	4
On the roll for 12 years	1	...	1
Total.....	47	62	109

These have appeared on the Roll of Honor as follows:

FOR ONE YEAR.

Katie Lee	1879
Julia Schneider	'79
Annie Kaiser.....	'80
Alice Leursen.....	'80
William Domer.....	'80
Edward Belt.....	'80
George Brower.....	'81
Charles Domer.....	'82
Willie Chauncey.....	'82
Amy Eckhardt.....	'83
Ida Gentner.....	'83
Myra Hendley.....	'83
Selby Wilson.....	'83
Jessie Mann.....	'84
Nellie Sprague.....	'84
Viola Callahan.....	'84
Mamie Kranbiehl.....	'86
J. Granville Meyers.....	'86
Hugh Augusterfer.....	'86
Annie Goerner.....	'87
Bertha Orth.....	'87
Ruby Clarkson.....	'87
Henry Raabe.....	'87
Harry Domer.....	'87
Lillie Krause.....	'88
Nettie Seitz.....	'88
Ada Augusterfer.....	'88
Christina Kultz.....	'89
Harry Gentner.....	'89
Charles Veit.....	'89
Edward B. Corcoran.....	'89
William Harr.....	'89
Julia Iseman.....	'89
Blanche Pendel.....	'89
Nellie Harr.....	'90
Louis Schmid.....	'90
Emma Palmer.....	'90
Raymond Stokes.....	'90
Frances Augusterfer.....	'90
Blanche Koontz.....	'90
Minnie Schultzbach.....	'91
Mark Krause.....	'91
Harry Viet.....	'91
Edward Augusterfer.....	'91
Amelia Wagner.....	'91
May Walter.....	'92
Belle Bartells.....	'92
Ida Kieney.....	'92
Florence Sauer.....	'92
Helen De Moll.....	'92
Gordon Krause.....	'92
Total, 51.	

FOR TWO YEARS.

Julius Schneider.....	1879-'81
Louis Schneider.....	'79-'81
Charles Webel.....	'80-'81
William Hoover.....	'80-'85
Jennie Barron.....	'80-'90
Lee Pitchlynn.....	'81-'82
Florence Barron.....	'82-'87
William Gentner.....	'84-'86
George Brower.....	'84-'86
Fred. Kahlert.....	'87-'88
Bertie Muth.....	'88-'90
Minnie Gentner.....	'89-'90
Katie Stokes.....	'89-'90
May Corcoran.....	'89-'90
M. M. Rouzer.....	'89-'90
Hattie E. Alden.....	'91-'92
William Linkins.....	'91-'92
Florence Walter ..	'91-'92
Annie Walter.....	'91-'92
Total, 19.	

FOR THREE YEARS.

Mattie Barron.....	1879-'80-'81
John McCormick.....	'79-'80-'82
Mabel Griffith.....	'81-'86-'87
Fred. Gentner.....	'82-'83-'84
Nellie Mosheuvel.....	'82-'83-'89
Clara Cassell.....	'84-'85-'86
Minnie Barron.....	'84-'89-'92
Chauncey Botsford.....	'85-'86-'87
Laura Brower.....	'85-'87-'88
Belle Leeds.....	'85-'87-'89
Mattie Simmons.....	'87-'88-'89
Louie Leeds.....	'87-'89-'90
Florence Mosheuvel.....	'87-'91-'92
Ella Simmons.....	'89-'90-'91
Clarence Brower.....	'89-'91-'92
Anna Grace Alden.....	'90-'91-'92
May Harris.....	'90-'91-'92
Total, 17.	

FOR FOUR YEARS.

Emma Gentner (now Mrs. Hines).....	1879-'82-'89-'90
B. Frank Meyers.....	'79-'86-'90-'92
Anthony Mosheuvel.....	'80-'81-'82-'83
Flora McCormick (now Mrs. Eckhardt).....	'80-'89-'90-'92
Minnie Brower.....	'84-'86-'89-'90
Maggie Gentner (now Mrs. Simmons).....	'85-'88-'89-'90
Edward Leeds.....	'87-'88-'89-'90
Charles Linkins.....	'87-'88-'89-'91
George Linkins.....	'87-'88-'89-'91
Grace E. Fox.....	'88-'89-'90-'92
Mary Moore.....	'89-'90-'91-'92
L. Russell Alden.....	'89-'90-'91-'92
Total, 12.	

FOR FIVE YEARS.

Arthur Krause.....	1882-'84-'85-'86-'87
Mr. E. W. Hansell, late veteran member of the school	'83-'84-'85-'86-'90
Total, 2.	

FOR SIX YEARS.

William Belt.....	1881-'87-'88-'89-'90-'91
John Rouzer.....	'83-'84-'85-'86-'87-'88
Margaret R. Fox.....	'83-'87-'88-'89-'90-'92
Total, 3.	

FOR EIGHT YEARS.

Harry Krause.....	1880-'82-'84-'85-'86-'90-'91-'92
Minnie McCormick.....	'82-'83-'85-'86-'87-'88-'89-'90
Guy Ourand.....	'82-'83-'87-'88-'89-'90-'91-'92
Gertrude Barron.....	'84-'85-'86-'87-'88-'89-'90-'92
Total, 4.	

FOR TWELVE YEARS.

Charles Krause—star record.....	1879-80-82-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92
Total, 1.	

Of those above mentioned the following are on the Roll of Honor for study, knowing the titles and golden texts of the lessons for the entire year on the last Sunday of the same :

Ju ia Schneider	1879
Harry Domer.....	'87
Laura Brower.....	'88
May Corcoran (Pri. Dept.).....	'89
Christina Kultz.....	'89
Nellie Harr.....	'90
Emma Gentner.....	'90
Helen De Moll.....	'92
Katie Stokes.....	'89-'90
Maggie Gentner.....	'89-'90
Hattie E. Alden (Pri. Dept.).....	'91-'92
May Harris (Pri. Dept.).....	'91-'92
Anna Grace Alden	'90-'91-'92
Minnie McCormick.....	'87-'88-'89-'90
Grace E. Fox.....	'88-'89-'90-'92
Margaret R. Fox.....	'88-'89-'90-'92
Flora McCormick (now Mrs. Joseph Eckhardt)	'88-'89-'90-'92
Mary Moore.....	'89-'90-'91-'92
L. Russell Alden.....	'89-'90-'91-'92

For 1 year, 8 ; two years, 4 ; three years, 1 ; four years, 6. Total, 19.

Charles O. Krause was present every Sunday for nine years, 1884 to 1892 inclusive; Guy Ourand has been present every Sunday for the last six years; Gertrude Barron and John Rouzer were present every Sunday for a period of six years; William Belt for five, and Arthur Krause and E. W. Hansell for four.

All members on the Roll of Honor for the first time have been presented with a Bible, and the following years with a suitable book, in each case the selections being entrusted to the superintendent. It is needless to say these gifts are sought for, and it is believed highly prized. A record is inscribed in each book. The total entries on the roll number 260, an average per year of 18, and are confined to 109 persons, nearly $\frac{4}{5}$ of whom were male and over $\frac{5}{9}$ female members of the school, the proportion being about the same as that of the enrollment.

Members of the Sunday School who have Died since July 1, 1878.

Eddie Hough, drowned June 28, 1879.

Mrs. Emma W. Stephens, December, 1879.

Mr. Jno. F. Mankin, April 16, 1880.

Anna Belle Stockman, September 17, 1882.

Bessie Tallmadge, November 7, 1882.

Howard Geib, December 30, 1882.

Lloyd Essig, March 29, 1883.

Alice Pendel, October 24, 1883.

Eleanor C. Behrens, January 23, 1884.

Mabel Pendel, February 13, 1884.

Estella Fenwick, June 2, 1885.

Emma Pendel, 1885.

Harry James, April 29, 1887.

Annie Wise, September 11, 1887.

Willie Grossart, April 21, 1888.

Florence L. Baldwin, July 31, 1888.

Mary Shiley, July 25, 1889.

Edward Goetz, February 14, 1890.

Emmett Kennedy, May 27, 1890.

John H. McCormick, May 17, 1892.

Isaac N. Kalb, May 28, 1892.

Mrs. Henry Raabe, November, 1892.

Emerick W. Hansell, February 14, 1893.

Twenty-three in all.

International Lessons—Studies and Lessons in 1892.

First six months: First quarter, in the Old Testament in the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel; second quarter, in the Psalms and Daniel. Second six months—Third and fourth quarters—in the New Testament, in the Acts of the Apostles, chapters 1 to 15—"The First Christian Church, etc.," "The Conversion of Saul of Tarsus," "The First Missionary Tour."

What interesting lessons we have had during the past year! More interesting, seemingly, than in former years. But it may appear so only because of a growing interest in Bible study, stimulated by the helps that are given, and a more earnest application to duty. Six months' study with ancient Israel, the Prophets, and the Psalmist, and six months more with St. Paul, have been a valuable preparation for an increased interest in Sunday-school instruction and study. And now the first six months of 1893 have given us studies in the books of Ezra, Haggai, Zechariah, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Malachi, and these are to be followed by lessons from the Acts and the Epistles.

A Record of Each Sunday in the Year 1892, Showing Attendance of Teachers and Scholars and Amount of Collections, with Notes and Remarks by the Superintendent.

Sunday.	Date.	Attendance.		Total.	Collection.	Remarks as to day, etc.
		Teachers.	Scholars.			
1	January 3	26	229	255	\$12 63	Adult Department organized with 10 classes.
2	10	28	237	265	13 87	School addressed by Rev. A. S. Hartman, Secretary Home Mission Board. New song book used 1st time.
3	17	28	226	254	11 68	Temperance lesson.
4	24	28	247	275	13 38	Appeal for rally by Superintendent. All absentees notified by postal card circular; 100 mailed.
5	31	30	273	*303	14 25	Largest attendance since 1867.
6	Febru'y 7	28	215	243	12 14	Foreign Mission Day noted.
7	14	29	253	282	12 93	Twenty-seven years continuous service for Mr. Geo. F. Muth this day.
8	21	26	217	243	11 67	Foreign Mission Day noted.
9	28	30	256	286	12 53	Envelopes given out for Foreign Mission offering. All absentees notified; 132 circulars mailed.
10	March 6	30	281	*311	45 63	Largest attendance to date. Foreign Mission Day.
11	13	29	278	307	14 32	Mr. I. N. Kalb, Superintendent Adult Department, taken ill at close of session.
12	20	26	274	300	17 07	All absentees written to; 120 postals mailed.

13	27	23	138	161	10 43	All departments in Sunday-school room. Review by Supt. Star quarter. Easter practice at 3 p. m.
14	April 3	26	292	*318	15 31	Largest attendance to date; 109 in Primary Department. Star record. Easter practice at 3 p. m.
15	10	26	272	298	18 11	Envelopes given out for Church Extension offering; 120 absentees written to.
16	17	27	313	340	52 67	Easter Sunday. Largest attendance on record. Church Extension day, Easter Anniversary at night.
17	24	30	282	312	16 07	Our new church members congratulated.
18	May 1	27	282	309	15 31	Committee appointed to arrange for picnic.
19	8	29	261	290	20 27	New class organized from Primary Department.
20	15	27	248	275	12 94	Roll-call day; 150 absentees written to. Memorial service next Sunday.
21	22	31	298	329	18 89	All departments in Sunday-school room. Solemn service; Mr. McCormick dead. Prayers for Mr. Kalb.
22	29	27	258	285	12 31	All departments in Sunday-school room. Solemn Memorial service. Mr. Kalb dead.
23	June 5	27	249	276	13 01	Children's Day and Review noted.
24	12	28	255	283	11 60	Envelopes given out for Lutheran Orphans' Home offering, Children's Day; 170 absentees written to.
25	19	29	251	280	42 12	Children's Day, service 9.30 to 10.45 in Sunday-school room and 11 to 12.30 in audience room.
26	26	28	234	262	12 35	All departments in S. S. room. 2d quarterly review by Supt. Tickets given for picnic to Bay Ridge.
27	July 3	26	214	240	11 69	Twenty-nine years continuous service for Mr. A. F. Fox this day. Many good-byes. Vacation.
28	10	26	205	231	11 38	Closing hymn, "Meet Me There." Dr. Doner absent, out of city.
29	17	21	168	189	8 93	Mr. Fox in charge of school; Sup't out of city.

A Record of Each Sunday in the Year 1892.—Continued

Sunday	Date.	Attendance.		Total.	Collection.	Remarks as to day, etc.
		Teachers.	Scholars.			
30	24	22	147	169	\$10 21	Mr. Fox in charge of school ; Superintendent out of city.
31	31	21	116	137	8 77	Superintendent back.
32	August 7	20	149	169	8 38	Mr. Seltzer in charge of school ; Superintendent out of city.
33	14	15	145	160	6 79	Rallying Day and Home Mission Day noted. Superintendent back.
34	21	19	119	138	7 59	Mr. Minnick (pastor's supply) addressed the school.
35	28	19	140	159	7 76	Rallying Day noted. Dime helpers called in.
36	Septem. 4	22	166	188	14 33	Dr. Domer and others back. Dime helpers returned.
37	11	25	183	208	10 46	Superintendent absent on account of sickness in family ; Mr. Seltzer in charge.
38	18	21	170	191	10 27	240 absentees written to. Rallying Day next Sunday.
39	25	30	203	233	20 70	Second Rallying Day. Service up-stairs, 11 a. m. Third quarterly review by Superintendent.
40	October 2	28	230	258	14 61	Pyramids out for Home Mission offerings.
41	9	29	210	239	12 38	Superintendent's appeal for a 7 cent year and \$1,000 class offerings.

42	16	28	239	267	\$18 27	Columbus Day noted.
43	23	25	185	210	12 32	Columbus Day. Paper read by Mr. Charles Phillips, teacher.
44	30	29	226	255	13 16	Home Mission Day noted.
45	Novem. 6	26	243	269	13 13	3 new classes from Pri. Dept. 155 absentees written to. A week of self-denial and prayer asked for.
46	13	30	260	290	125 57	Home Mission Day. Pyramids brought in.
47	20	32	255	287	16 09	Primary room improvements to begin at once. Christmas practice at 3 p. m. Library closed.
48	27	30	239	269	15 10	Letters from Mrs. Kalb and Mrs. McCormick in reply to resolutions presented.
49	Decem. 4	31	263	294	15 22	Eleven months' record on the blackboard by Superintendent Star record.
50	11	32	268	300	14 94	Letter from Mr. Minnick. 140 absentees written to.
51	18	32	290	322	22 59	All departments in Sunday-school room. Fourth quarterly review by Supt. 125 absentees written to
52	25	30	204	234	111 79	Primary Department in new room for first time. Library moved. Primary scholars to meet no more in main room for opening exercises. Anniversary at night.
Total.....		1,392	11,856	13,248	\$1,006 42	
Average per Sunday.....		27	228	255	19 35	
Average per member per Sunday				1	.071 ¹⁰ / ₁₇	

OUR FIFTIETH YEAR, THE STAR YEAR.

Only 6 Sundays when the collection was less than \$10.00. Only 10 Sundays when the attendance was less than 200. Over 300 present on 11 different occasions. All absentees written to on 10 different occasions. Visitors are not counted and are not included in the reports. Also a like record for the first 6 months in 1893. "Absentees written to" during the week.

A Record of Each Sunday from January to June, Inclusive, 1893.

Sunday.	Date.	Attendance.		Total.	Collection.	Remarks as to day, etc.
		Teachers.	Scholars.			
1	January 1	28	132	160	\$9 73	Cold rain. Icy streets.
2	8	31	229	260	14 19	Cold.
3	15	29	203	232	12 14	\$400 Improvement Fund announced.
4	22	33	238	271	16 23	Dr. Burnett's lecture announced.
5	29	29	248	277	15 76	Organ and piano both used. Pastor congratulated on his birthday.
6	Febru'y 5	33	264	297	17 12	Chas. Krause absent. Address by Dr. Burnett, "Pockets" out for Foreign Mission offerings.
7	12	32	273	305	15 97	Superintendent ill. Mr. Klapp in charge.
8	19	31	269	300	17 43	Foreign Mission Day. Appeal for a large offering.
9	26	31	272	303	77 62	Foreign Mission Day Great interest. Large offering.
10	March 5	30	177	207	12 59	School addressed by Dr. Barnitz and Dr. L. Kuhlman.
11	12	31	260	291	17 03	Easter practice at 3 p. m.
12	19	31	265	296	17 37	Easter practice at 3 p. m.

First quarter review. Church Extension envelopes out. Its claims urged.
 Star record. Easter anniversary at 7:30.
 Address by Mr. Chauncey Bottsford, former member.
 Jubilee! Address by Dr. J. B. Butler. Rev. J. E. Graeff present. Extra session at 3 p. m. up-stairs.
 Fifty-first year commenced.
 Warm.
 Fair and cool.
 Fair and cool.
 Gordon Krause noted on Roll of Honor for 1892, omitted heretofore. Address by Dr. Stone.
 Mr. E. McWilliams, 20 years' service to-day. Jubilee souvenirs presented to Pastor and others by Supt. Picture of Orphans' Home. Envelopes out for offering.
 Children's Day service 11 a. m. up-stairs. Letters from two of the orphans read.
 Primary teacher and organist absent from city.
 Second quarter review. End of Superintendent's 15th year. Floral offerings presented.

13	26	28	294	322	25 40
14	April 2	31	337	368	71 61
15	9	30	205	235	14 80
16	16	32	333	365	33 83
17	23	29	250	279	14 78
18	30	33	304	337	20 05
19	May 7	30	291	321	16 91
20	14	32	278	310	17 25
21	21	31	294	325	18 52
22	28	29	245	274	15 24
23	June 4	29	290	319	16 00
24	11	31	305	336	75 86
25	18	28	268	296	14 55
26	25	26	249	275	14 62
Total			6,770	7,558	\$612 60
Average per Sunday.....			30	291	23 56
Average per member per Sunday.....				1	.081 ₁₀

FIRST SIX MONTHS, 1893—THE STAR SIX MONTHS—NOTES

Only 1 Sunday with less than \$10 class offerings. Over \$15 on 18 Sundays, class offerings. Over \$20 on 6 Sundays, class offerings. Over \$25 on 4 Sundays, class offerings. Over \$70 on 2 Sundays, class offerings. Second roll-call day, May 28. Many absentees on account of rain, etc. Over 200 present on 25 Sundays. Over 250 present on 22 Sundays. Over 300 present on 12 Sundays. All absentees notified by postal or circular on 8 occasions, for January 27, February 23, March 24 and 30, April 13 and 28, May 26, and June 8. February 5 Mr. Charles Krause was absent for the first time in 9 years.

Summary for the Year Ending June 30, 1893.

Sundays.	Date.	Attendance.			Class Collections.	Remarks as to same.
		Teachers.	Scholars.	Total.		
52	'92 and '93	1,457	12 007	13,464	\$1,155 53	The Star Year of our 50 years. The last month, the best June; the last quarter, the best quarter; the last six months, the best six months; and the last year, the best year on the records in the history of the Sunday school.
Average per Sunday		28	231	25	22 22	
Average per member present.....				1	.08 $\frac{3}{4}$	

Class Offerings for 1892—"Star Year."

BY DEPARTMENTS.

Rank.	Enrollment.	Amount.
1 Adult.....	132	\$498.76, nearly $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Intermediate.....	198	368.79, nearly $\frac{1}{3}$
3 Primary	117	138.87, nearly $\frac{1}{7}$
Total, 3	447	\$1,006.42

AMOUNT OF CLASS OFFERINGS EACH MONTH, ENTIRE SCHOOL.

	Amount.	Average per Sunday.	Average per member present.
1. January.....	\$65 81	\$13 16	.04 $\frac{8}{9}$
2. February	49 27	12 32	.04 $\frac{2}{3}$
3. March.....	87 45	21 86	.08 $\frac{1}{10}$
4. April.....	102 16	25 54	.08 $\frac{1}{8}$
5. May.....	79 72	15 94	.05 $\frac{3}{4}$
6. June.....	79 08	19 77	.07 $\frac{2}{11}$
7. July	50 98	10 22	.05 $\frac{1}{7}$
8. August.....	30 52	7 63	.04 $\frac{7}{8}$
9. September	55 76	13 94	.06 $\frac{4}{5}$
10. October.....	71 24	14 25	.05 $\frac{1}{5}$
11. November.....	169 89	42 47	.15 $\frac{2}{9}$
12. December.....	164 54	40 39	.14
Total.....	\$1,006 42	\$19 35	.07 $\frac{10}{17}$

NOTE.—Average attendance, 52 Sundays, 255.

CLASS OFFERINGS, 1892, EACH QUARTER

	Amount.	Average per Sunday.	Average per member present.
1st Quarter.....	\$202 53	\$15 58	Over .05 $\frac{1}{2}$
2d Quarter.....	260 96	20 07	Over .06 $\frac{1}{2}$
3d Quarter.....	137 26	10 56	Over .05 $\frac{1}{2}$
4th Quarter.....	405 67	31 21	Over .11 $\frac{1}{3}$
Total.....	\$1,006 42	\$19 35	.07 $\frac{10}{17}$

CLASS OFFERINGS SEMI-ANNUALLY.

	Amount.	Average per Sunday.	Average per member present.
1st Six months.....	\$463 49	\$17 83	Over 6 cts.
2d Six months.....	542 93	20 88	Over 9 cts.
Total	\$1,006 42	\$19 35	.07 $\frac{10}{17}$

Direct Class Offerings for 1892.

BY CLASSES.

Rank.	Department.	Class taught by—	Enrollment.	Amount.
1	Adult.....	Mr. J. H. McClain.....	16	\$144 61
2	Primary	Misses Grace Fox, Nettie Seitz...	117	138 87
3	Adult.....	Mr. Albert F. Fox.....	15	101 90
4	Intermediate.....	Mr. M. M. Rouzer.....	11	58 44
5	Adult.....	Mr. J. C. Parker*.....	5	54 99
6	Adult.....	Dr. Samuel Domer, D. D.....	25	53 30
7	Adult.....	Mr. George F. Muth	20	44 67
8	Adult.....	Mr. H. H. Seltzer	15	35 98
9	Intermediate.....	Mr. L. D. Alden.....	6	33 17
10	Intermediate.....	Mr. B. Frank Meyers.....	9	27 21
11	Intermediate.....	Mr. Elder McWilliams.....	7	24 69
12	Adult.....	Miss Belle Leeds.....	8	23 53
13	Intermediate.....	Miss Frances Augusterfer.....	10	22 16
14	Intermediate.....	Mr. Charles Phillips.....	9	20 96
15	Intermediate.....	Miss Clara Meyers.....	15	20 47
16	Intermediate.....	Miss Nannie Fleming	10	19 52
17	Intermediate.....	Miss Jennie Barrou	15	18 16
18	Intermediate.....	Miss Margie Hubert.	10	17 67
19	Intermediate.....	Miss Margaret R. Fox.	11	17 10
20	Intermediate.....	Mrs. Joseph Eckhardt.	7	16 94
21	Intermediate.....	Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Jr....	9	15 95
22	Intermediate.....	Miss Minnie Brower.	11	15 84
23	Adult.....	Miss Emma O. Meyers	10	14 22
24	Adult.....	Mr. Dan. N. Klapp.....	10	14 03
25	Intermediate.....	Miss Amy Eckhardt.....	10	12 56
26	Adult.....	Miss Annie Eckbert.	8	11 53
27	Intermediate.....	Miss Nellie Mosheuval.	7	11 27
28	Intermediate.....	Miss Ada Augusterfer (new class)	10	7 80
29	Intermediate.....	Miss May Levers (new class)	11	3 61
30	Intermediate.....	Miss Zada Kemp (new class)	10	2 95
31	Intermediate.....	Mr. Lee Landers (new class).....	10	2 32
Total, 31 classes			447	†\$1,006 42

* Star Record for Enrollment.

† NOTE—Of this amount \$5.43 is otherwise classified by the Treasurer, owing to difference in Secretary's class report.

Class Offerings for First Six Months of 1893.

By DEPARTMENTS.

Rank.	Enrollment.	Amount.
1 Adult.....	147	\$315 04
2 Intermediate.	198	212 02
3 Primary.....	135	85 54
Total, 3 Departments.	480	\$612 60

CLASS OFFERINGS, ENTIRE SCHOOL, EACH MONTH.

	Amount.	Average per Sunday.	Average per member present.
1. January.....	\$68 05	\$13 61	.05 $\frac{2}{3}$
2. February.....	128 14	32 04	.10 $\frac{2}{3}$
3. March.....	72 39	18 10	.06 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. April.....	155 07	31 01	.09 $\frac{1}{5}$
5. May.....	67 92	16 98	.05 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. June.....	121 03	30 26	.09 $\frac{9}{10}$
Total.....	\$612 60	\$23 56	.08 $\frac{1}{10}$

CLASS OFFERINGS 1ST AND 2D QUARTER, 1893.

	Amount.	Average per Sunday.	Average per member pr sent.
1st Quarter.....	\$268 58	\$20 66	.07 $\frac{3}{5}$
2d Quarter.....	344 02	26 46	.08 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total.....	\$612 60	\$23 56	.08 $\frac{1}{10}$

NOTE.—Average attendance, 26 Sundays, 1891.

Direct Class Offerings First Six Months, 1893.

BY CLASSES.

Rank.	Department.	Class taught by—	Enrollment.	Amount.
1	Primary	{ Miss Grace E. Fox..... Miss Nettie E. Seitz..... Mrs. Fannie Haller.....	135	\$85 54
2	Adult.....	Mr. Albert F. Fox.....	* 16	82 95
3	Adult.....	Mr. John. F. McClain.....	21	76 02
4	Adult.....	Rev. Dr. S. Domer.....	28	43 58
5	Intermediate.....	Mr. M. M. Rouzer.....	11	38 31
6	Adult.....	Mr. John C. Parker.....	12	31 49
7	Adult.....	Mr. H. H. Seltzer.....	14	22 62
8	Adult.....	Mr. George F. Muth.....	21	19 81
9	Intermediate.....	Miss Margaret R. Fox.....	11	14 92
10	Intermediate.....	{ Miss N. Fleming..... Mr. Lucius D. Alden.....	8	14 40
11	Intermediate.....	Mr. Elder McWilliams.....	10	14 02
12	Adult.....	Mr. Dan. N. Klapp.....	10	13 71
13	Intermediate.....	Mr. B. Frank Meyers.....	9	11 90
14	Adult.....	Miss Belle F. Leeds.....	7	11 15
15	Intermediate.....	Miss Frances Augusterfer.....	10	10 49
16	Intermediate.....	Mr. Charles Phillips.....	9	10 33
17	Intermediate.....	Miss Minnie Brower.....	12	9 91
18	Intermediate.....	Miss Margaret R. Hubert.....	11	9 39
19	Intermediate.....	Miss May Levers ..	11	9 05
20	Intermediate.....	Miss Nellie Mosbeuvel.....	10	8 99
21	Intermediate ..	Miss Amy Eckhardt.....	9	8 45
22	Intermediate.....	Miss Clara Meyers.....	14	8 32
23	Intermediate.	Miss Jennie Barton.....	17	8 15
24	Intermediate.....	Mrs. J. Granville Meyers	9	8 12
25	Intermediate.....	Miss Ada Augusterfer.....	9	7 55
26	Intermediate.....	Miss Zada Kemp.....	11	7 50
27	Intermediate.....	Mrs. Joseph Eckhardt.....	8	7 25
28	Adult.....	Miss Annie Eckbert.....	9	6 87
29	Adult.....	Miss Emma O. Meyers.....	9	6 84
30	Intermediate.....	Mr. Lee Landers.....	9	4 98
Total, 30 classes.....			480	\$612 60
Average attendance and collection			291	23 56
Average per member per Sunday			1	08 ¹ / ₁₀

* Star Class for offerings per enrollment.

Our Receipts for the Past Ten (10) Years, Showing Amount for Each Year, etc.

Year.	No. of Sundays.	Class Offerings.	Receipts from other Sources.	Total Receipts.	Average Sunday Attendance.	Average Sunday Collection.	Average per Member.
1883.....	53	\$417 52	\$59 86	\$477 38	153	\$7 87	.05 ² ₁₅
1884.....	52	403 28	316 78	720 06	158	7 75	.04 ⁹ ₁₀
1885.....	52	454 59	388 42	843 01	148	8 74	.05 ¹⁰ ₁₀
1886.....	52	549 24	229 23	778 47	163	10 56	.06 ¹ ₁₀
1887.....	52	604 57	320 10	924 67	179	11 62	.06 ¹ ₁₀
1888.....	53	605 33	224 89	830 22	177	11 42	.06 ⁹ ₁₀
1889.....	52	559 07	220 58	779 65	199	10 75	.05 ² ₂₀
1890.....	52	580 64	200 21	780 85	204	11 16	.05 ² ₂₀
1891.....	52	734 12	233 17	967 29	223	14 12	.06 ¹ ₁₀
1892.....	52	1,000 99	265 07	1,266 06	255	19 25	.07 ¹ ₁₇
Total for 10 years ...		\$5,909 35	\$2,458 31	\$8,367 66	1,859	\$11 32	Over .06
Average each year...		590 93 ¹ ₂	245 83	836 77	186		

Our Receipts for the First Six Months in 1893.

1893	26	\$612 60	\$207 61	\$820 21	291	\$23 56	.08 ¹ ₁₀ .
Jan. to June, inc.....							

The Star Record

Table of the Average Attendance and Class Offerings for Each Month in the Year, from January, 1880, to July, 1893, Inclusive, Showing the Gradual but Continuous Advance During that Time.

Year.	January.		February.		March.		April.		May.		June.	
	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.
1880.....	152	\$7 36	150	\$6 91	131	\$6 58	147	\$6 83	151	\$5 23	145	\$5 84
1881.....	141	7 09	159	17 88	162	7 70	166	7 78	166	7 44	150	6 63
1882.....	171	7 21	141	6 43	180	7 05	173	7 85	150	7 00	159	6 48
1883.....	135	6 50	149	6 88	175	8 73	151	7 46	177	8 28	150	7 21
1884.....	155	7 19	156	7 53	148	7 28	186	8 99	191	9 44	171	8 77
1885.....	165	8 07	158	8 09	150	8 16	177	10 78	168	10 15	149	8 39
1886.....	152	9 31	173	10 70	171	11 92	183	10 29	184	9 53	178	14 32
1887.....	204	10 13	202	10 85	201	13 75	207	11 27	196	9 79	183	16 12
1888.....	162	9 68	168	8 82	180	9 59	203	12 71	201	10 07	191	9 92
1889.....	199	10 37	223	13 37	203	10 89	237	13 10	223	11 13	213	9 59
1890.....	208	10 15	206	13 61	227	10 92	258	12 99	231	11 26	229	10 70
1891.....	201	10 86	263	17 18	218	14 72	245	12 49	238	12 43	209	12 14
1892.....	*270	13 14	264	12 32	270	*21 86	*317	25 54	298	15 94	275	19 77
1893.....	240	*13 61	*301	*32 04	*279	18 10	*317	*31 01	*308	*16 98	*306	*30 26

Year.	July.		August.		September.		October.		November.		December.	
	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.	Attend- ance.	Collec- tions.
1880.....	116	\$4 87	107	\$4 59	131	\$5 41	136	\$5 76	136	\$6 43	137	\$7 90
1881.....	126	5 63	115	5 14	137	6 11	153	6 54	162	6 91	165	7 63
1882.....	135	5 49	119	4 18	152	5 90	161	6 96	159	6 73	157	7 12
1883.....	127	6 60	127	5 88	150	7 70	156	7 22	171	8 19	177	14 15
1884.....	129	5 94	129	6 02	153	7 77	169	8 28	170	8 17	145	7 84
1885.....	128	6 83	113	6 65	138	8 07	145	7 75	138	7 53	138	15 00
1886.....	148	8 00	112	7 42	151	13 77	174	8 99	182	9 34	158	14 39
1887.....	143	8 14	129	7 41	145	10 43	177	9 71	191	14 06	182	19 41
1888.....	159	8 54	114	*11 17	158	9 54	186	13 26	202	13 50	208	19 53
1889.....	160	7 86	156	7 72	190	9 57	178	9 39	184	9 06	215	16 72
1890.....	178	8 34	*159	7 63	171	11 23	201	*16 54	224	10 54	213	11 52
1891.....	188	9 28	145	8 12	*231	*17 29	244	11 93	252	26 17	261	15 64
1892.....	193	10 20	157	7 63	205	13 94	*246	14 25	*279	*42 47	*288	*40 39
1893.....	*218	*11 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Star Record.

Some Month of April Notes.

Year.	Classes.	Average Attendance.
1865.....	21	210
1866.....	24	196
1867.....	26	279
1868.....	24	258
1880.....	19	147
1883.....	19	151
1888.....	27	207
1890.....	28	258
1892.....	31	317
1893.....	31	317

The direct class offerings have averaged 6 and 6½ cents for years past, and in 1892, our jubilee year, reached the unusual figures of *seven and ten-seventenths cents per member per Sunday*, or a total of \$3.95 for the year. The ordinary offering is five cents, the penny being unusual.

We believe both in the privilege and in the duty, and give for our own and for others' uses. There were only six Sundays in 1892 when the offering was less than \$10, ten Sundays when it was over \$18, and eight Sundays when it was over \$20.

The smallest collection was \$6.79, and the largest \$125.57.

But look at the record of the first six months in 1893 for figures that excel even those just given—*eight and one-tenth cents per member per Sunday!*

We propose to keep it up, to give as God prospers us, to be rich towards God, and we know that "God loveth a cheerful giver."

OUR GIVING CREED.

1st. We believe that every one should help others to the Gospel.

2d. That every one should help as much as he can.

3d. That every one should find this work of helping others very blessed and helpful to himself.

So we put it down as our rule that we will—

1st. Give regularly an offering at least every Lord's Day.

2d. Give conscientiously according to our ability.

3d. Give joyfully, because it proves a privilege and blessing to us.

The privilege and the duty go hand in hand together.

FOR OFFERINGS.

This school still claims to be the banner school, not only in the general synod of our own church, but for recent years of all schools represented in the International Sunday-School Conventions, its superintendent being a delegate to the last three, and already elected a delegate to head the delegation from this city to the seventh International and the second World's Sunday-School Conventions, to be held at St. Louis August 31 to September 6, inclusive, 1893.

Our Two Star Records for Continuous Service.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

Our treasurer, Brother Albert F. Fox, on the 9th of July, 1893, completed his thirtieth year of continuous membership in St. Paul's Sunday school. He entered the school on Sunday, July 15, 1863, and has been continuously connected with it ever since. He entered as a pupil, and has passed through the various grades of teacher, assistant superintendent, and secretary, and has been treasurer ever since May 25, 1873, a period of over twenty years. In addition to this, he has been since March, 1875, one of our most faithful and earnest

teachers, and always ready for every good work and enterprise for the advancement of the church and Sunday school. He was for a number of years past a member of the church council, and treasurer of the church. His example is worthy of all commendation to our young men. He is a young man yet, but a veteran in Sunday-school service. Our personal interest in the Sunday school ought never to die out, and we should never consider ourselves too old and too wise for continuance in such blessed work and amid such blessed associations. Never too old to work for the children and our young people. May life and health be long extended, and his sphere of usefulness be enlarged. On July 16, 1893, at the session of the school, Brother Fox was presented by Miss Sophie Pitchlynn with a bouquet of roses in appreciation of his noted record, and suitable remarks were made by the pastor and superintendent in reference to the same.

AND STILL ANOTHER.

Mr. George F. Muth on the second Sunday in February, 1893, completed his twenty-eighth year of continuous membership in St. Paul's Sunday school. He has been a teacher for many years, served as librarian for a long period, and has now one of the largest classes in the school, a young ladies' Bible class. He is one of the original members of the Christian Endeavor Society, is now its president and one of its most earnest and active members, and was at one time one of the vice-presidents of the United Society of this city. Planted in the house of the Lord, he has gone "from strength to strength," and a great door of usefulness has been opened to him. May God continually bless him, and may he be long spared, is the prayer of his many friends in St. Paul's.

Other Records.

Mr. John F. McClain, now member of the church council, has a twenty-years' record as a teacher, and his present class numbers in its ranks some young men who were in the school many years ago. Teacher and class render efficient service in various ways, and are large givers to every object brought before the school.

Mr. Elder McWilliams on May 28 celebrated the 20th anniversary of his entry into the Sunday school; was for many years a member of Mr. McClain's class, and since October 4, 1891, has been the successful teacher of a large class of boys in the intermediate department.

Mr. John C. Parker president of the church council, has a record of nearly twenty years' service as a teacher, and has served as such in each of the three departments of the school. He has been a successful teacher of boys, some of whom have grown up to be workers in the Sunday-school army, and he is still regular and punctual in attendance, always on hand for every good work, and is a most helpful member.

Miss Annie Eckbert, teacher of a young ladies' Bible class, has been for nearly thirteen years one of the most faithful and efficient workers in the school, and has succeeded in retaining several of her scholars who are no longer single, but married. No graduating from her class at any time.

Miss Emma O. Meyers has been a teacher since March 16, 1884. Her "boys" are now young men, and are active in every department of religious work in the church. They are a standing testimony to her faithfulness and success as a teacher in the school.

Mrs. John C. Parker was first enrolled as a member of the school prior to 1850, and has the earliest date of original entry of all the present members of the Sunday school.

Mr. Franck L. Ourand, of the adult department, first entered the school prior to 1860. His first teacher in the primary class was Mrs. J. G. Butler, wife of the pastor of the church.

Mr. Charles Webel, also of the pastor's class, entered the school in 1862, and while his service has not been continuous, he has retained his membership during this long period to the present time. He was once the librarian of the school.

Mr. Thos. F. Pendel entered the school as a scholar May 6, 1866, became a teacher in 1868, and has served as such much of the time since that date. He is at present a member of Dr. Domer's class. Over a quarter of a century of active, earnest, christian life is his record in the Sunday school.

Mr. J. A. Weigle has a record as a teacher and scholar for twenty odd years, and is now a member of Dr. Domer's class.

The superintendent of the Sunday school was a member of the young men's Bible class in 1868, and was a teacher in 1869 and the early part of 1870, at which time he left the city for a period of eight years, returning to the city and school in 1878. In his class in those early years was Emil G. Schafer, now one of our most helpful young men, and a member of Mr. McClain's class. It is a source of great pleasure to note the above, and after an experience of almost a quarter of a century still to be together in the blessed work. The superin-

tendent and Mr. Pendel are the only members of the school who were teachers in it during the years 1869 and 1870.

Many others of our teachers and scholars are nearing the point when they also can be considered veteran members, on the score of membership and service. None under twenty-one years of age know of any pastor at St. Paul's but Dr. Domer, and none under eighteen of any other but the present superintendent.

Mr. A. S. Pratt, formerly superintendent, who started the present superintendent in the work, is now in charge of the primary department of the Sunday school of the Church of the Ascension (Episcopal), of which he is a member. He is indeed a veteran worker. Of his former teachers at St. Paul's four are now superintendents of schools in this city: Mr. L. D. Alden, at St.

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Rev. Samuel G. Finckel, former member of the Sunday school, is now pastor of the Lutheran Church at Lansingburg, N. Y. On August 20, 1893, he preached at the Keller Memorial Church, for the pastor, Rev. C. H. Butler, also a former member.

[The above was inadvertantly omitted and we take pleasure in inserting in proper place.—L. D. A.]

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tendent and Mr. Pendel are the only members of the school who were teachers in it during the years 1869 and 1870.

Many others of our teachers and scholars are nearing the point when they also can be considered veteran members, on the score of membership and service. None under twenty-one years of age know of any pastor at St. Paul's but Dr. Domer, and none under eighteen of any other but the present superintendent.

Rev. Dr. G. J. Butler, former pastor and teacher of the Bible class at St. Paul's, who received the present superintendent into the church in September, 1865, and on whose invitation he first entered St. Paul's Sunday school, is now pastor of the Memorial and superintendent of the afternoon Sunday school of that church; also teacher of the Bible class of his school. Mary J. Kelly, now Mrs. A. F. Fox, Mr. Albert F. Fox, Mr. George F. Muth, and Mr. Thomas Pendel were in the class taught by him in 1867.

Rev. Charles H. Butler, a former member of the primary class, is now pastor of the Keller Memorial, our new Lutheran church in the northeast, and superintendent of its Sunday school.

Rev. Francis H. Weaver, former member and teacher under Mr. A. S. Pratt, is now chaplain of the Tenth United States Cavalry, and stationed at Fort Custer, Montana.

Mr. A. S. Pratt, formerly superintendent, who started the present superintendent in the work, is now in charge of the primary department of the Sunday school of the Church of the Ascension (Episcopal), of which he is a member. He is indeed a veteran worker. Of his former teachers at St. Paul's four are now superintendents of schools in this city: Mr. L. D. Alden, at St.

Paul's; Mr. I. C. Slater, at the Church of the Reformation; Mr. Robert B. Kinsell, at the Memorial morning and Zion's afternoon schools; and Mr. J. L. Enderle, at the Central Presbyterian; and of his former scholars, Rev. Charles H. Butler is superintendent of the Keller Memorial, as also pastor. Mr. Pratt was considered by Mr. Alden a model superintendent, and the latter has, during his own service as superintendent, followed largely his way of working.

Mr. George Ryneal, Jr., former member and teacher, and treasurer of the school from 1863 to 1873, is now a member of the Memorial Church, and connected with the Sunday school of Zion's Church as teacher. He is still active and helpful in every good work. His accounts as treasurer of St. Paul's Sunday school were destroyed by fire, which took place at his store some years since. But for that loss of records the receipts and disbursements for the above-mentioned period could be fully noted. Mr. Ryneal is represented by both relatives and friends at St. Paul's; and is highly thought of by its workers.

Mr. J. Albert Hawken, late member of Mr. John F. McClain's class, is now residing at Williamsport, Md. He is superintendent of the Sunday school of Zion Lutheran Church, Rev. M. D. Garver, pastor, and is president of the Christian Endeavor Society of the same church.

Prof. Harry C. Davis, former member and secretary, is now the assistant superintendent of the Sunday school of the Presbyterian Church at Wilkes Barre, Pa. He was also at one time a teacher at St. Paul's, and his wife, then Miss Ida Schneider, was one of the primary class teachers from 1876 to 1878. Prof. Davis is connected with the Academy at Wilkes Barre, and both are still active in christian work.

Mr. Cornelius Eckhardt and Mr Chauncey Bottsford, former members of Mr. John C. Parker's class, are now connected with St. Mark's of this city, and are active in the work of the church and Sunday school and the Luther Alliance of Christian Endeavor.

Mr. I. C. Slater, former member and teacher, is now the superintendent of the Sunday school of the Church of the Reformation, Rev. Dr. Parson, pastor.

Mr. Robert B. Kinsell, former teacher, is now the superintendent of the Memorial morning school and of Zion's afternoon school, both of this city.

Mr. Joseph L. Enderle, former superintendent at St. Paul's, is now superintendent of the Sunday school of the Central Presbyterian Church of this city.

Many former members are now active workers in other Lutheran Sunday schools of this city, and we have representatives also in schools of other cities in different parts of the United States.

CHURCH MEMBERS IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

All the officers and teachers and many of the scholars, in all about 160, are members of the church, leaving 320 members that are not connected with the church. Of this number 132 are in the primary department and 188 in the junior and adult departments. What shall the harvest be?

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At a meeting of the teachers of the Sunday School, held in the Sunday-school room, on the 2d of January, 1893, all the officers of the school were, with the exception of Mr. H. H. Seltzer, of the adult department, who is unable to serve, unanimously re-elected for the current year.

Mr. George F. Muth was elected musical leader of the school, and has since resigned the office of librarian, and his assistants, Mr. Win. P. Belt and Mr. George R. Liukins, who have managed the library under his direction, have been elected librarians of the school, and will have entire charge of that important part of the work.

The pastor most gratefully acknowledges the helpful coöperation, the valuable support, which officers and teachers of the Sunday school have rendered all along the line of the progress which, by the blessings of the Master, the passing years have brought to the church. In November, 1874, the first Sunday after he took charge, the Sunday school had only 60 persons present, all told. Now we have five times as many. Then the membership of the church scarcely numbered 100, now above 400.

When Rev. J. E. Graeff came to St. Paul's his first Sunday in the Sunday school witnessed twelve persons present. Now we have 25 to 30 times as many.

The superintendent most gratefully acknowledges the hearty coöperation and support which the pastor, Rev. Dr. S. Domer, has rendered him during his fifteen years' superintendency of the school. It has been a most helpful factor in the general results and successes which have taken place, and a delightful remembrance it will remain.

To Mr. Charles H. Ourand, of the adult department, the superintendent is under many obligations for valuable assistance in the preparation of copy for the printer.

EASTER SERVICES, 1892.

Our anniversary on Sunday, April 17, at 7.30 P. M., in the audience room of the church, was a most notable

occasion. Designs, illustrations, and decorations, under the direction of the superintendent, were noted as unusually fine. The exercises of the school were varied and complete in all the elements of a fine anniversary. The music of the school was notable, "The Easter Dawn," by Emma Pitt, being rendered in a most excellent manner. The church choir and pipe organ, with orchestral accompaniment of cornet and two violins, added much to the rendition of the musical program. The crowded condition of the Sunday school and church made it evident that St. Paul's must provide larger accommodations, or suffer.

OUR ROLL-CALL DAY, 1892.

Sunday, May 22, was the day fixed for the first formal annual roll call. The threatening weather interfered with the attendance, yet 328 responded to the call, with a class offering of \$18.89, which is a little over the average Sunday offering.

It was a solemn service. Mr. McCormick had but recently died, and Mr. Kalb was lying at the point of death. Prayers were offered for his recovery.

CHILDREN'S DAY SERVICES, 1892,

On Sunday, June 19, at 11 A. M., in the audience room of the church, were of unusual interest, and enjoyed by the large number of members of the school and others who were present. Appropriate services, songs, recitations, a letter read by the superintendent from one of the orphans at the Lutheran Orphans' Home at Lloydsville, Pa., and remarks by the pastor and brother A. F. Fox, filled up the time allotted to the service. A large offering was made by the school for the Lutheran Orphans' Home. The church was dec-

orated, and to the music of the children was added the songs of birds. Bright day. Happy time. Blessed children. "Glory to His name."

RALLYING DAY, 1892.

Our second rallying day was on Sunday, September 25, with an attendance of 233, and class collections of \$20.70, an average of nearly 9 cents per member present. After the regular session the school marched up to the audience room, the children of the primary department occupying the gallery. The church was nicely decorated with pictures, plants, and flowers, and cages of singing birds were suspended in different places.

The service was opened by the pastor; then there was music by the church choir, then prayer, the reading of the Scriptures, and then while the choir sang, the collection, which was for the Lutheran Orphans' Home, was taken up. A letter was read by the superintendent from one of the orphans. Then followed the review of the 3d quarter's lessons by the superintendent, followed by the presentation of the resolutions of sympathy on the death of the two assistant superintendents, Messrs. I. N. Kalb and J. H. McCormick, to the families of the deceased. A large audience was present, and a delightful hour it proved on this first reunion after the summer vacations. In the school-room, on motion of Bro. John C. Parker, seconded by Bro. John F. McClain, the school voted ten dollars to the proposed model Sunday-school building at the World's Fair, to be erected for use in 1893, in connection with the Columbian Exposition.

The 50th anniversary of the Sunday school took place on the last Sunday evening of 1892. An excellent program had been prepared, consisting of music,

responsive exercises, addresses, reports from the secretary and treasurer, the announcement of the honor roll, etc., all most satisfactorily carried out under the direction of the superintendent. Scriptural designs and illustrations, with a fine picture of the Madonna and child Jesus, helped to make up a scene of impressive beauty and loveliness, suited to the anniversary joy. A house crowded in every part gave evidence of the interest of the people in the work of the school, and their untiring attention to the close of the proceedings was the evidence of their satisfaction in the services of the evening. We need not go into any details of description of the performances of the evening, since our pages are so fully occupied with the practical affairs of the school.

The social anniversary—or *social part* of the Sunday-school anniversary—took place on Wednesday evening following the Sunday evening services. Too many things in hand to crowd them all into one evening. The distribution of Christmas gifts, with an entertaining and amusing program, was, consequently, deferred until Wednesday evening, and for the lecture room of the church. The room was nicely decorated. The evening gathering was very large, and replete with pleasant exercises and social greetings. The first part of the evening all gathered in the audience room of the church, where, after appropriate services, Mr. Lee Pitchlynn, with his stereopticon, gave fine views of the early incidents in the life of the Christ Child, followed by appropriate Christmas views, also throwing upon the canvas information about the school and notices of its sessions, following with a picture of the superintendent, which was a great surprise to Mr. Alden, at least, if not to all others. After this the roll of honor rewards were distributed, and the superintendent was

again surprised by being noted by the pastor as being on the roll of honor, who, with most beautiful remarks, presented him, on behalf of the teachers, with a Christmas remembrance, which was received and responded to with suitable words. After this, and with song, the school proceeded to the lower room, primary, junior, and adult departments, followed by the others present, where all enjoyed the social cheer and a bountiful supper of ice cream and cake. The children of the primary department each received a suitable gift, and the evening was full of cheer and good will. Many presents were exchanged between teachers and classes, and the large quantity of gifts for the poor gave evidence of the right spirit at the happy Christmas time.

At the Christmas treat all present enjoyed the violin solo by Miss Clara Ruth. This young lady also kindly assisted at the anniversary. After the violin solo came a banjo trio by the Misses Margaret R. Fox, Mary Morgan, and Ella Harold. These were delightful numbers on the program and afforded much pleasure.

(From the Lutheran Observer)

Sunday-School Anniversary at St. Paul's.

MR. EDITOR: Our Sunday-school anniversary has just taken place. We think a brief report of our work and its results would be worthy of a place in the *Observer*. The anniversary of the past year, in accordance with our custom, was two-fold—the anniversary proper on Sunday evening, Christmas day, and the social anniversary on Wednesday evening last. That on Sunday evening consisted of a song service with orchestral accompaniment, scripture readings, class exercises, ad-

addresses, reports of secretary and treasurer, and the distribution of rewards to the members of the several rolls of honor. That of Wednesday evening consisted of singing by the school, with stereopticon scenes in the life of Christ, Mr Lee Pitchlynn, a member of the school, furnishing the stereopticon and using it for the special entertainment of the crowded audience present. After these exercises closed in the audience room, refreshments and the distribution of gifts came next in order in the lecture room of the church.

All the anniversary exercises were under the conduct and management of our energetic and faithful superintendent, Lucius D. Alden, supported by an earnest corps of officers and teachers. No necessity for dilating on decorations, designs, and individualities of everything that occurred. I need not specially speak of the crowds present; they were large, of course—they always are; and our anniversaries are always full of interest, and are known as such. Our Sunday school, moreover, takes a high rank among the schools of the city, and among the schools of the Synod of Maryland. There are larger schools in the city than ours, but none more active and vigorous; none that make higher averages in all the factors of a model school. Such is, at least, the self-consciousness into which we have advanced. And the following statement of facts and figures, we believe, will justify our self-consciousness.

Our church is now fifty years old, and we are nearing our semi-centennial celebration. This last anniversary shows that the school never was so large and flourishing as it is now. The organization as it now exists has 14 officers, all of whom are class members, 31 classes, 32 teachers, 415 scholars, and a total enrollment of 447. There are three departments—primary, intermediate, and adult. During the year over 200 were present on 42 Sundays, and over 300 on 11 Sundays. The largest attendance during the year was on Easter Sunday, April

17, when 340 were present. The largest during the preceding year, 302. During this year there has been a net gain of 1 department, 3 classes, 2 teachers, and 65 scholars, being a total net gain over all losses of 67 members.

The year has been one of marked prosperity in all the departments, and especially in the primary. This department is in charge of Misses Grace Fox and Nettie Seitz. It started the year with 113 members, sent 4 full classes into the intermediate department, and now has a larger number on its roll than it had when the year began. It has crowded itself out of its old quarters, and on Sunday last occupied for the first time its enlarged and newly fitted-up room, which will seat at least a third more than the former one. In the three rolls of honor the following statements appear in the secretary's report: Present every Sunday during the year, 16; absent only one Sunday, 9; absent but two Sundays, 13. Knowing the titles of lesson and golden texts for the year, 9. The offerings for the year are reported by the treasurer as follows: On hand January 1, 1892, \$66.62. Received during the year from direct class offerings, \$1,000.99; from other sources, \$265.07; total, \$1,332.68. Expenditures during the year were as follows: For support of school, \$410.09; benevolence, \$656.21; cash on hand, \$266.38; total, \$1,332.68.

During the year the school donated to St. Mark's Lutheran Sunday school, of this city, 50 copies of "Gem of Gems;" to St. John's, of Wellington Kansas, 75 song books; to St. Paul's Sunday school, of Newark, Ohio, 125 library books, and 24 Bibles to a small colored school in the country. The largest collection for one Sunday was on Home Mission day, November 13, \$125.57; the largest in 1891, Home Mission day, \$80.50. The second largest was on Sunday last, \$111.79. The largest offering during the year from a single class, enrollment 14, amount \$144.61. The next largest from

the primary department, \$138.87; the third, with an enrollment of 12, \$101.90. All the rest of the classes did proportionately well, maintaining an encouraging and honorable rank throughout. The average offering per member per Sunday was $.07\frac{10}{17}$ —a gain of $.01\frac{1}{4}$ over the preceding year. We shall be glad to hear from any other Sunday school that can show a higher average than this. Until then St. Paul's of this city will claim the banner, and stand in front in the great procession.

I would like to give the names of our officers and teachers through whom these results are attained, but you will "grumble" already at the length of this brief article, and so I must pause. As a pastor, however, I must acknowledge their services, and I rejoice in being sustained and encouraged by so faithful a band of Sunday-school workers. Many from the Sunday school annually pass into membership of the church, and "follow on to know the Lord" while they press on to the City of God.

Two deaths have occurred during the year, Mr. John H. McCormick, assistant superintendent of the intermediate department, and Mr. Isaac N. Kalb, associate superintendent in charge of the adult department. These active and useful brethren are greatly missed from the places they filled so well. Mrs. Henry Raabe, a member of the pastor's class, was also recently transferred to the heavenly world. Since July 1, 1878, we have suffered the loss by death of 22 members of the school, viz., 3 teachers and 19 scholars.

The affairs of our church and Sunday school in this semi-centennial year altogether indicate a better condition and a more hopeful outlook than ever, and our jubilee begins with the thanksgiving to the Lord for His abounding grace towards us in the effort to extend "the gospel of peace and good will" among men.

Yours truly,

S. DOMER,
Pastor of St. Paul's.

December 30, '92.

Entertainments in 1892.

Three given by the classes of the school: one by Mrs. Eckhardt's class May 13, one by the primary department May 25, and one by Mr. Phillips' class June 22. All were well planned and executed, and occasions of much pleasure to the large number present, and sources of revenue and profit to the Sunday-school treasury, etc.

OUR PICNIC IN 1892.

This time at Bay Ridge, Monday, June 27, and under the able management of the committee in charge, Messrs. John C. Parker, E. G. Schafer, B. F. Meyers, and Lee Pitchlynn, was a most enjoyable affair. All the children in the school went free, and the cost for others was \$1 each. A rebate from the railroad company enabled the committee to pay most of the expense attending the picnic, free tickets, etc.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

One of the primary department members was taken in May, 1892, through the kindness of Mr. Lee Pitchlynn, of Mr. McClain's class. It contains the pictures of the teachers, Miss Grace E. Fox and Miss Nettie E. Seitz, and 58 scholars, and the pastor and superintendent, who were invited to be part of the group taken, which was gathered in front of and in the door of the church.

In 1893 the church was also photographed, the pictures of the interior, showing the jubilee decorations, being rare souvenirs. This also to the credit of Mr. Lee Pitchlynn.

THE LIBRARIES.

During the past year that of the main room was overhauled; a number of books taken from and 54 new books added to; 19 books were rebound. The primary department had 110 new books added to its list in December.

Mrs. Delia Domer-Alleman, formerly organist in our Sunday school, and now residing at Harrisburg, Pa., spent the holiday season at the parsonage. Her little boys accompanying, made the welcome trio at the old home. At the Christmas festival she presided at the organ a part of the evening. It was a pleasure to once more see our former organist and musical leader in the place which she so long and so ably filled, and to hear her voice in song as in years gone by. Come again !

Mr. Henry Orth, of Mr. Fox's class, now in college in Bethlehem, Pa., was home for the Christmas season and in his place in class and school. He is active in christian work at school, and will be so here, now that he has completed his studies and returned home to stay.

Who is preparing to teach ? Now is a good time, and your class a good place. Remember, we do not graduate from the Sunday school, but should grow up to try and do for others as others have done and are now doing for us. Many of our teachers come from the Bible classes. Teachers, invite your scholars to prepare to teach, and prepare now.

St. John, in the closing years of his life, in one of his epistles, says : "I write unto you, young men, because ye are strong." Let all our young men be strong for truth, for temperance, for the Bible and its blessed teachings, for Christ and His cause, the Sunday School and the church. God bless our many young men.

Our young ladies are noticeable in the school, many of them being generally present, and a number as teachers, active and reliable in that position. May the number be increased and the handmaidens of the Lord be blessed in our midst.

The Pastor's Class.

He enjoys their presence, loves their company, and observes with gladness the interest, the enthusiasm which characterizes them as students of the Word of God and members of the Sunday school. To these members of his class in particular, and to all the teachers and their classes in general, he offers his kindest pastoral greetings with the opening of the year, praying and hoping that this may be to all a blessed year of Sunday-school associations and Christian endeavor. May our school, with its happy faces of teachers, young people, and children, be like a garden full of rare and beautiful plants and flowers, on which the dews of Hermon descend, and where we may take our morning walks and sing our summer songs, quite on the verge of heaven!

Classes for ladies and gentlemen—Rev. Dr. S. Domer's, Mr. H. H. Seltzer's, Mr. John F. McClain's.

Classes for young ladies—Miss Annie Eckbert's, Mr. Dan. N. Klapp's, Miss Belle F. Leeds', Mr. George F. Muth's, Miss Jennie Barron's, Miss Clara Meyers'.

Classes for young men—Mr. Albert F. Fox's, Miss Emma O. Meyers', Mr. John C. Parker's, Mr. M. M. Rouzer's.

If not a member of this or other school, you are invited to join one of the above or other classes in the school. Please report to the superintendent, and rest assured of a welcome.

THE MODERN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Older members of the church are joining the Sunday-school movement from time to time. Bible students, old and young, are in this wonderful seminary of the ages. What an inspiration to everybody this is,

when the solid men of the community and of the church—when men and women of intelligence and experience—come into these active Christian efforts, and by their presence, their example, their zealous coöperation, help the young people and the children into the mysteries and blessedness of the kingdom of Heavenly truth. Come, men and women of these “Last Times,” get into line and head the procession for the “City of God.”

Our Primary Department.

The primary department, with its 3 teachers and 132 scholars, a total of 135 members, is nearly three-tenths of our enrollment. The average offering of each member is 2 cents and over.

Little helpers, large givers !

Occupying the front seats in the main room for the opening and closing exercises of the school, from the time the present superintendent took charge until December 22, 1892, its members added much by their presence to the joyousness and spirit of the occasion of each session of the school. They were crowded very much while in their old room, but on December 29, 1892, the new room, much larger and more beautiful, was occupied by them, the children for the first time assembling there. To its teachers the superintendent gives credit for faithful performance of duty, for zeal and enthusiasm in their work, and congratulates them on successes attained and their growing fitness for the responsible positions which they occupy in this nursery of the church.

The patience, loving care, industry, and faithfulness of these teachers of the little children have a continuous reward in the blessed work they are doing.

The primary department teachers, 1876 to 1889, Miss Mollie Davis and her assistant, Miss May Parker, now Mrs. J. Paul Smith, have not been forgotten in the development and growth of the Sunday school, by either officers, teachers, or the scholars of those days. During the years of reorganization and upbuilding of the school, when many of the conveniences, helps, and encouragements of the present time were only in prospect, these teachers were in the front rank among the workers, and did noble service in bringing about the successes which have been realized in the school. Miss Mollie is still a member of the school in the pastor's class, and Miss May is married and has withdrawn.

Miss Mary Butler, for many years teacher in the primary class prior to the above, is still active in the work, having charge of that department at the Memorial afternoon school.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

In response to the request of T. W. Leonhart, the superintendent of St. Mark's Lutheran Sunday School, in South Washington, 50 copies of the "Gem of Gems" was voted to that school by the Sunday school of St. Paul's, in session October 10, 1892. The books were most cheerfully given, and they were most thankfully received and acknowledged.

We can also say the same in reference to the \$100 donated St. Mark's to assist in purchasing the pews placed in the church during the fall of 1892.

REPORTS.

The reports of the superintendent, the secretary, Mr. J. Granville Meyers, Jr., and of the treasurer, Mr. Albert F. Fox, will show very fully the operations of the school in all departments of work, and will prove a valuable record for our own members and all others interested in Sunday-school management and work.

Our Improvements.

Voted for November 14, 1892. Completed December 24, 1892. New room first used Christmas, December 25, 1892.

Results: more room for the primary department as well as the entire school. A fine appearance. A better arrangement.

Cost \$400, to be paid in shares of \$1.00 each. By earning, saving, giving at the rate of two cents per week for this year.

The birthday banks in the main room and the primary department are in view at every session, and are kept supplied by the members of the Sunday school, the birthday of each being noted by an offering of at least one cent for each year of age attained. All offerings in these birthday banks are for missionary purposes, and the banks are opened and the offerings reported at the end of each synodical year.

What a pleasure to have the pastor with us every Sunday! To hear him in sacred song and prayer, and as he speaks words of counsel and cheer to the Sunday school to realize the oneness of our blessed faith. What a privilege to be in the pastor's class. Many others are invited to join it and receive the benefit of his teaching. May he long be spared for work here.

The superintendent bears cheerful testimony to his never-failing coöperation and support during the many years they have been associated together in the work.

DEATHS IN 1892.

Mr. Isaac N Kalb, associate superintendent in charge of the adult department; Mr. John H. McCormick, assistant superintendent of the intermediate department;

Mrs. Henry Raabe, member of Dr. Domer's class, adult department.

DEATHS IN 1893,

To June 30, inclusive. Mr. Emerick W. Hansell, February 14th, member of adult department and veteran member of the school.

SURPRISE PARTY.

That little surprise party at the home of the superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday school! An enjoyable evening! A happy time! An expression of regard for the superintendent and his family! Generous hospitality toward the surprisers, and general flow of congratulations and good cheer!

The superintendent of St. Paul's English Lutheran Sunday School was surprised at his residence on Friday evening at 8.15 o'clock, May 27, 1892, by the appearance of the pastor, officers and teachers of the Sunday school, and others, bearing gifts and refreshments, and special kind greetings on this, the anniversary of his birth. Dr. Domer, the pastor, on behalf of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school presented the superintendent with a large and beautiful copy of the Bible (Oxford edition), inscribed in the pastor's handwriting as follows:

LUCIUS D. ALDEN,
SUPERINTENDENT
OF
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
OF ST. PAUL'S ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
A Tribute of Respect, Love, and Good-will on the
Anniversary of His Birth,
from the
Officers and Teachers of the School,
With the Prayer, and Hope, that His Useful Life
May long be spared to the
School and Church.
Washington, D. C., May 27, 1892.

Remarks were made by the pastor full of kind feeling and christian love, and of appreciation of the superintendent and his work, alluding in tender terms to Mr. J. H. McCormick, the assistant superintendent, who recently died, and to Mr. I. N. Kalb, the associated superintendent, who was so ill, and expected to die. Mr. Alden responded in words of appreciation and gratitude, and with his family gave a hearty welcome to the friends. Mr. George Muth presented Miss Belle Leeds' (teacher) regrets, she being unable to be present. Miss Grace Fox presented the superintendent, on behalf of the primary department, with a photograph of the class, but recently taken. After a season of social converse the friends adjourned to the dining room, and there enjoyed a collation spread by the surprise party. Prayer was first offered by the pastor, and a blessing asked on the superintendent, his family, his home, and on all present. A season of song and converse closed this delightful evening, made happy by the presence of so many Christian friends, and at a late hour they departed, wishing the superintendent many happy returns of the day.

Floral offerings were presented by Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Mrs. Geo. Muth, Miss Sophie Pitchlynn (through Mr. Lee Pitchlynn, she being ill and unable to be present), and Miss Minnie Brower. Mrs. Opperman, Mrs. Fox, and Mr. and Mrs. McClain very kindly took charge of and served the refreshments.

Among those present were:

Rev. Dr. S. Domer, Mrs. L. L. Domer, Miss Annie Eckbert, Mr. A. F. Fox, Mr. H. H. Seltzer, Mr. J. H. McClain, Miss Emma O. Meyers, Mr. George F. Muth, Mr. John C. Parker, Miss Frances Augusterfer, Miss Ada Augusterfer, Miss Jennie Barron, Miss Minnie Brower, Miss Nannie Fleming, Misses Grace and Margaret R. Fox, Mr. Elder McWilliams, Mr. B. Frank

Meyers, Mr. J. Granville Meyers, Mrs. E. C. Opperman, Mr. M. M. Rouzer, Miss Helen Schreiner, Misses Minnie and Nettie E. Seitz, Mr. Lee Pitchlynn, Mrs. A. F. Fox, Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Mrs. M. M. Rouzer, Mrs. John H. McClain, and the superintendent and his family, who thanked them for their beautiful presents and good wishes.

Changes in 1893, January to June, Inclusive.

CLASSES.

Mr. Alden's, transferred to class of Mr. John C. Parker, January 1.

Miss Fleming's to Mr. Alden, May 1, and to Mr. Raabe to date, July 1.

Miss Kemp's to Miss Ella House to date, July 1.

APPOINTMENTS.

Teachers—Mrs. N. T. Haller, assistant in primary department, January 1.

Mr. Henry Raabe and Miss Ella House, intermediate department, to date, July 1.

RESIGNATIONS.

Teachers—Miss Nannie Fleming, May 1; Miss Zada Kemp, June 30, both leaving the city.

Mr. Charles O. Krause, star member of the Roll of Honor, left the city February 2, 1893.

In their new homes and new work they have the prayers and best wishes of a large number of former associates in church, C. E. and Sunday school. God bless and prosper them.

NEW OFFICER OF THE SCHOOL.

Mr. George F. Muth, musical director, from January 1, 1893.

Vacant office—superintendent of adult department.

Entertainments in 1893.

An Illustrated (stereopticon) Lecture on the evening of February 3, by Dr. G. G. Burnett, of California, gave great pleasure to a large audience, and netted \$60.05 to the credit of the Sunday-school improvement fund. This was tendered the school by Dr. Burnett free of cost, and was much appreciated.

The Primary Department May Annual took place on the evening of May 26, and was a great success. The large audience enjoyed the class march and the choice programme of exercises. The net proceeds were \$66.63, this also for the Sunday-school improvement fund. To the teachers of the classes great credit is due for the success of the annual.

The Flower Committee of the Christian Endeavor Society gave an entertainment on the evening of June 22, 1893, with an excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music, and the Delsarte drill by a number of young ladies. The chairman of the committee was Mrs. J. Granville Meyers. Prof. Charles H. Chase was musical director, and Mr. Edward Muth assistant.

The Annual Picnic took place on Wednesday, June 28, at the Ruppert place on the Seventh street road, kindly offered for use of the school by Bro. A. S. Johnson. The committee consisted of Mr. John C. Parker, Mr. M. M. Rouzer, and Mr. A. F. Fox. A large number attended, and the day was spent very pleasantly.

SPECIAL DAYS, 1893.

Our Foreign Mission Day in 1893, took place on February 26, with an attendance of 303 and class offerings of \$77.62. The board and its work had been kept before the school, and it entered heartily into efforts to

secure a good contribution to this great and blessed cause. Much interest was manifested and the missionary spirit aroused and increased. The following is from the *Observer* of the 24th of February, with reference to preparations for the day:

THE POCKETS IN ST. PAUL'S.

"All observing persons who entered the Sunday-school room of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church on Sunday, February 5th, knew that something out of the usual order of things was on hand. The chandelier, superintendent's desk, piano, organ, banners, etc., were decorated with the unique little "pockets" sent us by the Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board. The red ribbons on these pockets matched our carpet nicely, and gave the room quite a gala appearance. For several Sundays past a few had been seen on the front chandeliers, as if to excite our curiosity and to tell us that *something* was coming. Last Sunday, however, beside the decorations there was one for each member present, and plenty left over to be taken or sent to the absentees. Our very able and energetic superintendent urged each one to take a pocket and to put it in a conspicuous place at home, that we might not forget to deposit our offerings from day to day. To some who expressed fears of the pocket being too small and frail for the large collections so common in our school, he quickly replied by referring such to their grocer, who would furnish them with paper sacks of sufficient size and strength.

"The children of the primary department, as well as those of other departments, were urged to *earn* as much of their offering as possible, as in this way they would give their *very own* money to this grand cause. We are glad to say that the very earnest words of our worthy superintendent were not in vain, for in several homes which we visited this week we noticed the pockets in conspicuous position. Those in the Sunday-school room will remain where they are till after Foreign Mission Day, thus constantly reminding us of the fact that as St. Paul's never has fallen behind, so this time we want to be nearer the front than ever before.

"G. E. F.

"*Washington, D. C.*"

The Easter Anniversary.

The Easter Anniversary in 1893 took place Sunday evening, April 2d, in the presence of a large audience. The morning session witnessed the largest attendance in the history of the school, 368 members present, and a collection for church extension of \$71.61, increased at the night service. The floral and other decorations were superb, the great cross in which were placed the class floral offerings presenting when completed a beautiful appearance. "Beautiful Morning," a song service by Emma Pitt, was rendered with great effect. Violins, cornet, cabinet and pipe organs added to the splendid singing of the school.

The secretary's report showed the enrollment as 464; the average attendance for 1893, 271; the Sunday offering, \$20.66, and 7 $\frac{3}{5}$ cents per member per Sunday contributed.

A beautiful floral wreath was presented by the school in memory of Mrs. Henry Raabe to Mr. Raabe, and mention made of wreaths presented, according to the custom of the school, at the funeral of each of the following members who died since last Easter: Mr. Kalb, Mr. McCormick, and Mr. E. W. Hansell.

ROLL-CALL SUNDAY, 1893.

Our second roll call took place on May 28, with 254 present and \$15.24 class offerings. A wet day and many absent. Remarks were made by Mr. H. H. Seltzer and the superintendent in memory of Mr. Kalb and Mr. McCormick, the assistants who died about one year ago.

Dr. Domer and the other members of the church council and the jubilee decoration committee were presented by the superintendent with large and handsome souvenir badges, made from the ribbon used in the floral decorations and on the portrait of Dr. Martin Luther at the jubilee services. The badges show the old

church, the present one, and pictures of Rev. J. E. Graeff and Dr. Domer, and are suitably inscribed, and at the next jubilee will be of great value.

CHILDREN'S DAY, 1893.

Our children's day service in 1893 took place on June 11th, at 11 A. M., in the audience room of the church, with a large audience present, and the school with full ranks marching up after the regular session, which had taken place as usual. The exercises were delightful. The primary department had a large part of the programme, and won great credit for itself and the teachers, Misses Grace E. Fox and Netty E. Sietz and Mrs. N. T. Haller.

Letters were received and read from two of the orphans at the Loysville Home, Augusta M. Reed and Joseph R. Bechtol, and the pastor, Dr. Domer, made a short and impressive address. The decorations were very fine, and with the illustrations of scriptural child life and scenes, the plants, birds, and music, the appropriate service prepared by the Lutheran Publication Society, and excellent music and singing, the children's day of '93 passed by in the most delightful manner. The home and its good work was noted, and in addition to the offering at the regular session another collection was taken and a large amount realized. At the regular session 336 were present, and the offering \$75.86.

REVIEW DAYS.

The 1st and 2d quarters' reviews were successful days in the history of the school. Large attendance and offerings, with hearty interest and responses, manifesting an increased enjoyment of these specially social days. The entire school as one class, and the review conducted by the superintendent, with music specially adapted to the lessons reviewed.

At the review on June 25th Mr. Alden closed his fifteenth year of service as the superintendent of the school, having re-entered and been elected to that office July 7, 1878. From that date he has believed in the "Review," and has personally conducted fifty-nine of the sixty since that time, missing but one, the fifty-fourth, when absent sick, the 4th quarter of the year 1891.

During this last review he was surprised by the gift of a large and beautiful bouquet of roses from Miss Sophie and Mr. Lee Pitchlynn, of the school, and later by an immense floral horseshoe with the figures "1878" and "1893" attached, the gift of the teachers, presented by Dr. Domer, the pastor, with most beautiful and complimentary remarks, which were responded to by Mr. Alden with appreciation and gratitude to all who so kindly remembered the occasion.

Mr. Edward Leeds, of Mr. Parker's class, has recently been appointed leader of music in the junior department of the Sunday school at Calvary Baptist Church. During the past year he led the singing at the Assembly Presbyterian school. He improves the opportunity afforded by the lesson hour to attend for a time his own class and school.

Some of the Letters Received in 1893.

BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH. (GENERAL SYNOD.)

BALTIMORE, *February 28, 1893.*

MR. LUCIUS D. ALDEN.

MY DEAR BRO.: Bro. Fox has just informed me that the "pockets" have emptied out the splendid sum of \$129.98, or \$26.58 in advance of last year's offering for the same cause. I congratulate you and your school

on that offering. I congratulate the board, the church at large, our missionaries in India and Africa, and I congratulate the cause of Foreign Missions in general on the excellent help it has received from St. Paul's Sunday school. Wishing you continued success in the work, I am,

Yours fraternally,

GEO. SCHOLL.

BALTIMORE, *May 2, 1893.*

Mr. A. F. FOX, Treasurer.

DEAR FRIEND: I think you have every reason to be proud of the record St. Paul's Church and Sunday school is making for itself. The contributions of the Sunday school passing through my hands is ahead of any school in the Maryland Synod.

With kind regards, yours truly,

WM. H. JAMES.

TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME, LOYSVILLE, PENNA.

LEBANON, *June 17, 1893.*

DEAR BRO. FOX, Treasurer:

Please return to your school our thanks for their very liberal collection on children's day to our blessed cause. You stand first on the list so far as reports have come in. I am looking for big reports from Drs. Albert and Studebaker. Reports thus far most encouraging.

Yours truly,

W. H. DUNBAR.

THE QUARTERLY WRITTEN EXAMINATIONS

went into effect at the end of the first quarter, and consisted of twenty questions on the lessons of that time. Some twenty-five persons took the printed slips furnished by the school, and all of these passed and will receive a certificate. Four certificates will entitle the holder to a diploma.

The Vacation Envelope

was first used June 25, 1893, and is for a Sunday school record during absence from the city, with a plan to note offerings enclosed for the home school. These are to be handed in on the return from summer vacation, or other absence from the city.

MARYLAND SYNOD REPORT.

The Maryland Synod report of 1892 gives St. Paul's Sunday school the twelfth in point of membership and the first for collections of all the Sunday schools in the synod, and the *Lutheran Observer*, of March 24, 1893, gives St. Paul's as the seventeenth largest school in that body. "Marching on."

MEMBERSHIP.

Gains and losses first six months of 1893:

Gained.....	56
Lost.....	23

Net gain..... 33

Enrollment, June 30, 480.

MISCELLANEOUS, 1892.

Attendance: Largest, April 17, 340. Smallest, July 31, 137

Collections: Largest, November 13, \$125.57. Smallest, August 14, \$6.79.

Attendance first Sunday, 255; attendance fifty-second Sunday, 234.

Collection first Sunday, \$12.63; collection fifty-second Sunday, \$111.79.

Largest monthly offering, November, \$169.89. Smallest monthly offering, August, \$30.52.

Total increase in membership in 1892, 67.

First Six Months, 1893.

Attendance: Largest, April 2, 368. Smallest, January 1, 160.

Collections: Largest, February 26, \$77.62. Smallest: January 1, \$9.73.

Largest monthly offering, April, \$155.07. Smallest monthly offering, May, \$67.92.

The Sunday school is largely represented in the Christian Endeavor Society, which was first organized nearly three years ago by the superintendent and a few teachers and scholars of the school. In it the Sunday-school member finds an open door for christian activity and usefulness, and a training especially valuable in the direction of fitness for the position of teachers.

Meetings in 1892 and 1893.—A number of important business meetings were held in the lecture room.

The Monday evening meeting for the study of the lesson has been well attended and much interest shown. This is one of the best hours of the week, and a source of great help and blessing. Others are invited to attend it.

The Council in the Sunday School.—Of the members of the council and officers of the church the following are in the Sunday school: Dr. S. Domer, Mr. John C. Parker, Mr. M. M. Rouzer, Mr. B. Frank Meyers, Mr. H. H. Seltzer, Mr. John F. McClain, and Mr. Edward T. Kaiser.

They are all helpful to the superintendent, class and school. The first six are teachers and Mr. Kaiser is a member of Mr. McClain's class.

These teachers—prompt, regular, and attentive—are an example to others and a credit to church and school.

The superintendent desires to have all the council at work in the school.

Veterans in Sunday School and Service.

Rev. S. Domer, D. D., pastor, teacher; Mr. L. D. Alden, superintendent and teacher; Mr. A. F. Fox, secretary, treasurer, assistant superintendent, teacher; Mr. G. F. Muth, librarian, teacher; Mr. J. F. McClain, teacher; Mr. John C. Parker, teacher; Mr. Elder McWilliams, teacher; Miss Annie Eckbert, teacher; Miss Emma O. Meyers, teacher; Mr. B. Frank Meyers, secretary and teacher; Miss Grace E. Fox and Miss Margaret R. Fox, organists and teachers; Mrs. Joseph Eckhardt, teacher; Miss Clara Meyers, teacher; Miss Belle F. Leeds, teacher; and Miss Frances Augusterfer, Miss Jennie Barron, Miss Minnie Brower, Miss Margaret R. Hubert, Miss Nellie Mosheuvel, Miss Annie Eckhardt, teachers.

Other veteran members: Mr. Charles Webel, librarian and scholar; Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, teacher and scholar; Mr. J. A. Weigle, teacher and scholar; and Mrs. John C. Parker, Miss Bettie Suman, Miss Bella Bartells, Miss Mollie Davis, Miss Katie Decker, Miss Sophie Pitchlynn, Mr. Emil G. Schafer, Mr. Harry M. Schneider, Mr. Franck L. Ourand, Mr. C. H. Ourand, Mr. Everett E. Pitchlynn, Mr. Lee Pitchlynn, Mr. Edward T. Kaiser, Mr. J. Granville Meyers, Mr. Charles Meyers, Mr. Wm. A. Domer, Mr. Ferd Schneider, Mr. Joseph Eckhardt, Mr. Andrew McClain, Mr. Wm. Harr, Miss Addie Harr, Mrs. Lou Hensey, Miss Emma Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Meyers, Miss Kate Rawlins, Mr. J. J. Viet, Mrs. E. G. Hines, Mrs. I. G. Walker, Mr. Henry Orth, Mr. Phil. E. Muth, Mr. Wm. P. Belt, Mr. Howard Griffith, Mr. George R. Linkins, scholars.

July, 1893, Notes and Records.

Mr. Henry Raabe and Miss Ella House appointed teachers July 1. Miss Zada Kemp, teacher, resigned and left the city July 1.

NEW MEMBERS.

Mr. L. H. Middlekauf, adult department.

Jennie Viedt, Emma Viedt, Naomi Matthews, Marion McClain, intermediate department.

Sadie Duffy, Elwood Gott, Folley Howard, Alice Mahoney, Edith Schneibel, Flora Viedt, Julius Viedt, Pauline Viedt, primary department.

AN ACCIDENT.

During this month Mr. Henry Raabe, newly appointed teacher, met with a serious accident while riding on his bicycle, and was taken to the Garfield Hospital for treatment. He is, at the last accounts, improving, and it is hoped his injuries may not be of a permanent character.

The record for this month surpasses all previous ones for a like period. The average attendance was 218. The class offerings amounted to \$57.77, \$11.55 per Sunday, or $5\frac{3}{10}$ cents per member. This makes the class offerings for the first seven months of 1893, \$670.37.

During this month 13 new members were admitted, and one teacher, Miss Zada Kemp, dropped from the roll. The enrollment is now, at the end of July, 492, a net gain during the present year of 45 members, or an increase of 10 per cent.

The Jubilee Meeting.

The jubilee meeting of the Sunday school took place on Sunday afternoon, April 16, 1893, at 3 o'clock, in the audience room of the church, in the presence of a large number of invited guests, many of whom had at some time in past years been members of the school, and among whom were many former officers and teachers. The Sunday school was present with full ranks.

Seated in front of the beautifully decorated platform, and inside of the chancel rail, were all of the living ex-superintendents, with two exceptions, Mr. Louis Heyl, of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mr. George E. W. Sharretts, of this city. Those present were Rev. J. A. Graeff, Mr. A. S. Pratt, Mr. Joseph L. Enderle, Mr. Geo. W. Linkins, and Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, as also Mr. David Fowble, original member and officer of the school at its organization fifty years ago; and with them Rev. Dr. J. G. Morris, Rev. Dr. S. Domer, the pastor, and Mr. Lucius D. Alden, who has been superintendent since July 1, 1878. Pastors, officers, teachers, and other members were present from not only Lutheran, but schools of other denominations in this city, a jubilee circular having been mailed not only to all of our own members, but to many former ones, and to the friends and Sunday-school workers at large a beautiful card of invitation was mailed previous to the jubilee Sunday. Many prominent superintendents of other schools were present.

The music was under the direction of Mr. George F. Muth, a veteran member, and the organists of the pipe and cabinet organs were two of our present teachers, Misses Grace E. and Margaret R. Fox. Miss Clara Ruth and Messrs. Joseph Finckel and Lee Crandall were

violinists, with Mr. C. Feige as bass, and Mr. Elphonzo Youngs, cornetist. The hymns sung were from Living Hymns, the Sunday-school book.

At a few moments past three o'clock, with the church full of its members and friends, the exercises began with the opening chorus, "Marching on, Rejoicing;" after that the reading of the Scriptures, the 48th Psalm, by the superintendent; then prayer by Mr. Enderle, a former superintendent, Rev. H. B. Belmer's pastorate, followed by the jubilee chorus, "Awake, Awake," and the singing by the primary department of "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The pastor, Rev. Dr. S. Domer, then delivered an address of welcome to the many friends present, and responses were made as follows at the call of the superintendent: On the part of first pastors and superintendents, Rev. J. E. Graeff, pastor in charge 1846-'49. On the part of the original members of the school, Mr. David Fowble, of Westminster, Md., member and teacher in 1842, at the first organization of the church and school, now represented in the Sunday school by his daughter, Mrs. John C. Parker, member of the adult department, and one of the two members whose prior enrollment dates back of 1860. On the part of other former superintendents, Mr. A. S. Pratt, 1863 to 1873; Mr. Joseph L. Enderle, 1874; Mr. George W. Linkins, 1875-'77; and Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, 1877-'78. Relatives and friends of Mr. J. G. Weaver, deceased, superintendent from 1848 to 1858, were present; a letter was received from Mr. George E. W. Sharretts, superintendent from 1858 to 1860; and friends of Mr. Louis Heyl, who filled the office from 1861 to 1862, represented him.

"Glory to His Name" was sung, and greetings from other Lutheran Sunday schools were extended as follows: From the mother church and school, Concordia, by Rev. Ernest Drewitz, pastor, through Dr. Domer;

from the morning school of the Memorial, by Mr. Wm. H. Finckel, teacher, in the absence of the superintendent, Mr. Robert B. Kinsell. Mr. Finckel was a former teacher in St. Paul's, and, with others of the family of the late Dr. Samuel G. Finckel, amongst its most active workers during Mr. Pratt's period of service.

In response to his greeting, the superintendent of St. Paul's stated that his sister, Miss Annie M. Finckel, who died in November, 1865, spoke the words that decided him to join the church in September, 1865, he then becoming a member of St. Paul's.

Greetings from the afternoon Memorial school were presented by Mr. Geo. W. Callahan, its secretary, in the absence of Rev. Dr. J. G. Butler, the superintendent. Mr. Callahan was also once a teacher at St. Paul's. Greetings followed from Zion's school, presented by Mr. M. E. May, one of the teachers of that school, and from St. Mark's (St. Paul's own) by the Rev. W. H. Gotwald, pastor of that church.

Letters were also read from Rev. Dr. J. G. Butler, pastor and superintendent of the Memorial afternoon school, formerly pastor and teacher at St. Paul's; from Mr. I. C. Slater, superintendent of the school of the Church of the Reformation, himself a former teacher also at St. Paul's; and from Rev. Charles H. Butler, pastor and superintendent of the Keller Memorial, and once a member of St. Paul's primary department.

A beautiful hymn, "We Shall Walk with Him in White," was then sung, after which came greetings by letter from other friends and schools—from Mr. John B. Wight, superintendent of the First Presbyterian Sunday School, and vice-president of the International Executive Committee; from Mr. P. H. Bristow, superintendent of the big school at Calvary Baptist, and vice-president of the Sunday-School Union of this city, of which Mr. Alden is president; from Rev. George J.

Jones, of the Tabernacle Congregation, and from Mr. John B. Sleman, superintendent of the Sunday school at the Protestant Orphan Asylum.

It was a matter of great regret that time would not permit the many superintendents present, representing prominent Sunday schools in this city, opportunity to speak a word for St. Paul's and its work, well known to them all, and whose superintendent had been benefited by personal acquaintance and associated work with them in the Sunday-School Union. There were present of these: Jerome F. Johnston, of the First Congregational; J. L. Ewen, of Foundry Methodist; T. B. Towner, Hamline Methodist; F. C. Stier, Mount Vernon Methodist; H. C. Stier, Garfield Christian; A. H. McBath, Assembly Presbyterian; C. H. Carrington, North Presbyterian; Weston Flint, New York Avenue Presbyterian, and Dr. D. P. Hickling, Trinity Episcopal.

After this rich and enjoyable feast of greetings the primary department sang their anniversary hymn of praise; most beautifully, too.

The superintendent then with brief remarks alluded to the "In Memoriam" roll, mentioning brothers J. G. Weaver, I. N. Kalb, John H. McCormick, deceased superintendent and assistants, and many others, teachers and scholars, there being twenty-three deaths since July 1, 1878.

"Meet Me There" was then sung by the school, after which a brief report of the condition of the school was presented by the secretary, Mr. J. Granville Meyers, Jr., showing the membership of the school on the jubilee day as follows: Adult department, 10 teachers, 132 scholars, total, 142; intermediate, 20 teachers, 180 scholars, total 200; and primary, 3 teachers, 125 scholars, a total of 128; 30 classes and a membership of 470. All officers class members.

The first quarter of the year was the star quarter in the history of the school to date, the average attendance being 271, and the average Sunday class offering \$20.66, or 7 $\frac{3}{5}$ cents per member present. The star Sunday was Easter, 368 present, and \$71.61 class offerings. The attendance this morning was 365, and the offering \$33.83. The outlook for the year was reported as exceedingly fine.

The banner of attendance was awarded Miss Belle F. Leeds' class for this year as far as noted, and that for class offerings to Mr. Albert F. Fox's class. At this point in the exercises the pastor was called away to visit a home and family in affliction.

"Steadily Marching On" was then sung by the school, after which, all standing, the entire audience joined in singing "At the Cross," and the Rev. Charles H. Butler having arrived from his school, the benediction was pronounced by him.

Then followed a scene of intense interest. Many former members were eager to meet and greet the leaders of the school in other years, and the latter to greet them. Many smiles, some tears, were seen, as the past was recalled in the living present. Teachers and scholars clasped hands for the first time in many years, and former superintendents saw their teachers once more gather around them, and in the present officers and teachers saw those who were in many cases the scholars of their day and time.

Full accounts of this service were printed in all of our daily newspapers, and the meeting was justly noted as being a remarkable and most successful one. The former and present members of St. Paul's joined together then, as they will not again this side of the Golden City, where they sing the Song of Moses and the Lamb.

The following former teachers were noticed as being present: Mrs. Annie Spier, appointed teacher in 1845, Miss Hettie Linkins, Miss Annie Ourand, Miss Lillian Chauncey, Mrs. E. D. Tracy, Mrs. A. L. Nairn, Mrs. C. A. Davis, Mrs. Mary M. E. (Keen) Woodruff, Mr. George W. Callahan, Mr. Wm. G. Finckel, Joseph L. Enderle, and Mr. Upton H. Ridenour, who was a teacher for some ten years in the 1850's and 1860's, and who numbered among his scholars Charles Utermehle and Martin Luther Noerr. Dr. W. K. Butler, eldest son of the pastor of the Memorial, and a member of the first class of our present superintendent when made a teacher at St. Paul's in 1869, was also present, as were Miss Hattie E. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schreiner, Miss Yaeger, Mrs. Rose Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Schreiner, and many other former members of the school.

Our own veteran members were present and assisted in many ways to make the service a most pleasant one, meeting and greeting the numerous friends as they appeared upon the scene. Mr. Albert Fox, Mr. George F. Muth, Mr. John C. Parker, Mr. John F. McClain, Mr. Thomas F. Pendel, Mr. J. A. Weigle, Mr. Frank Ourand, Mr. Charles H. Ourand, Mr. Emil G. Schafer, Mr. Harry M. Schneider, and many others, ranging in order from thirty years' continuous service to a shorter period. These with the superintendent bore testimony to the fact of never graduating from the Sunday school, a lesson taught them by Mr. A. S. Pratt.

The following is the circular and card of invitation mailed prior to the jubilee to members and friends at large; also the correspondence already alluded to:

1843.

1893.

"A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you."

Leviticus, 25: 11.

ST. PAUL'S ENGLISH LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL,
Corner Eleventh and H Streets Northwest.

Washington, D. C., April 13th, 1893.

DEAR FRIEND:

The year of jubilee has come, and on Sunday next, April 16th, we will hold our regular and an extra session of the school, with fitting programmes for each. The invited guests of the church from abroad will be present at 9.30 A. M. and at the jubilee meeting of the Sunday school at 3 P. M. in the audience room of the church, when we expect to have with us a number of ex-superintendents, officers, teachers, and other members; also representatives from the Lutheran and other Sunday schools of this city. Both meetings will be occasions of far more than ordinary interest, in which you as a member and friend will be glad to take part, and of which I trust you will carry pleasant remembrance down the pathway of life. Be sure to attend both morning and afternoon, if you are able to be out. We hope to see over 405 present, the room full, and our record surpassed. Will you not be one of the number? You can help make it so and I desire to see and greet you.

We will have a jubilee offering. Invite the parents to attend.

Come and bring some friend with you to enjoy the delightful occasion. It will be a most fitting time for former members to re-enter the Bible school of the church and for others also to become members of the school.

The music will be from "Living Hymns," Mr. George F. Muth, director, and the singing accompanied by the following:

VIOLINS—Miss. Clara Ruth.

Mr. Joseph Finckel.

Mr. Lee Crandall.

BASS—Mr. C. Feige.

ORGANS—Misses Grace E. and Margaret R. Fox.

PIANO—Mr. Edward Muth.

CORNET—Mr. Elphonzo Youngs.

A happy jubilee to you and yours. If sick, rest assured of my sympathy and prayers that God may bless and heal you. May his peace be yours on that day and evermore.

In Christian love,

LUCIUS D. ALDEN.

Superintendent.

1843.

1893.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

OF ST. PAUL'S ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH,
S. W. corner of 11th and H Sts. N. W., Washington, D. C.,
 will celebrate its 50th anniversary and jubilee on Sunday afternoon, April 16, 1893, at 3 o'clock, with a programme of great interest to all friends of the church and school. You are invited to be present, take part in the services, and meet with the present and former pastors, officers, teachers, and scholars of the school

In Christian love,

LUCIUS D. ALDEN,
Superintendent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 16, 1893.*

MY DEAR BRO. ALDEN:

I thank you for your kind invitation to the enjoyment of the jubilee of St. Paul's Sunday school to-day. Imperative duties will prevent my presence this afternoon, and I fear will prevent the presence of a representative from the afternoon school of the Memorial Church, which meets also at 3 o'clock, the time fixed for your afternoon meeting. I beg to assure you, however, that in the manifest blessing of God upon your work as superintendent and those associated with you I heartily rejoice, as I do in all the good that marks the fifty years of St. Paul's history. St. Paul's, as you know, was my first love, and for *almost twenty-four years* it was my joy to work and pray among a people who were always forbearing and kind and devoted to the then young pastor. I hope to be with you to-night, as also to-morrow night.

Trusting that the future of the work of St. Paul's may be even more fruitful than the past, and rejoicing in the on going of the Kingdom of our blessed Lord in all its departments and divisions, praying that the whole church of Christ may now see eye to eye and stand shoulder to shoulder for Christ, I am, in the best of bonds,

Your brother,

J. G. BUTLER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April, 1893.*

MR. L. D. ALDEN,

Supt. St. Paul's Lutheran Sunday School.

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: As a former pupil in St. Paul's school, where I spent the earliest years of my childhood, I wish to express to you my congratulations upon her arrival at the fiftieth milestone under such favorable auspices.

I rejoice in your prosperity; that you have been so highly blessed, and that you are doing such good work. With the growing years may you continue to grow in grace, and increase in zeal and devotion to the Master, "forgetting," as the great apostle expresses it, "those things that are behind"—the victories and also the failures to realize your Christian ideal—as you "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Regretting that I can not be with you this afternoon, I remain,

Yours very truly and fraternally,

C. H. BUTLER.

WASHINGTON, *April 15, 1893.*

BRO. ALDEN.

DEAR SIR: Your kind invitation to attend the celebration of the 50th anniversary of St. Paul's Sunday school, is received, and while I thank you, I am grieved to have to say that in consequence of ill health I will be unable to participate.

When I came to Washington city, in 1857, I immediately connected myself with St. Paul's, and in the capacity of Sunday-school superintendent and church chorister, spent three or four years that bring to me ever pleasant memories, and it would give me great satisfaction to be present with you, and to personally wish you and your school and church God speed in your noble christian work.

Fraternally yours,

GEO. E. W. SHARRETT.

WASHINGTON, D. C. *April 15, 1893.*

L. D. ALDEN, ESQ.,

Superintendent St. Paul's

Lutheran Sunday School, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SIR: I have your invitation to be present at the semi-centennial reunion of your school. I regret that absence from the city on Sunday will prevent the acceptance of your courteous invitation and my sharing the pleasure of the happy occasion.

Upon making Washington my home, in 1866, I joined St. Paul's school and continued with it until the organization of the Sabbath school out of which has come the Church of the Reformation. I have always been interested in St. Paul's school. It has had a remarkably vigorous life for a quarter of a century, and its present strong vitality, in view of the change of homes from the vicinity of the church, which has been going on so rapidly, furnishes a subject for reflection. This continued prosperity of the school does not come forth from the dust; it is the result of prayer, and unremitted intelligent effort on the part of officers, teachers, and members of St. Paul's school. God's blessing has been and is now upon the work.

As an humble worker in this great field of christian effort, for myself, and as representing the Sabbath school of the Church of the Reformation, I give you and your school cordial greeting, rejoicing in the thought that there are in St. Paul's Sabbath school, able, consecrated, and zealous men and women to carry to the hearts and lives of the young the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Yours truly,

I. C. SLATER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 15, 1893.*

MY DEAR MR. ALDEN:

I am exceedingly sorry that I will not be able

to attend the anniversary exercises of your Sabbath school to-morrow afternoon. Had your invitation reached me an hour sooner I could have accepted, but I had just promised the superintendent of the Reform School to go out there to-morrow at 3 o'clock and speak to the boys.

Trusting you may have a delightful time, and with congratulations for the great success that now crowns your efforts, and with sincerest good wishes for the future,

I am yours, very truly,

JOHN B. WIGHT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 16, 1893.*

MY DEAR MR. ALDEN :

I am completely exhausted from my work of last night and this morning. In justice to myself I must rest.

Your own people will more than fill the time on an occasion which will be so full of interest to them. Fifty years! It is a long span, measured as we think of time, but so short after all. It would be a benediction to hear the words of a man who for all these years has served the Master, and can stand up to-day and tell how through them all he has been led. What an example such a life is to the young. I hope for me you will wish him more years of service, more blessings to follow, and more souls for his crown. The work of your school is a glory, and I trust you may live long to see it prosper, and that into its gates shall come feet which may all press the portals of another gateway opening into the city celestial. I like to know of the success of your band of workers, and you deserve all the good Lord sends you. May He send you more and more, and God bless you all.

Yours truly,

P. H. BRISTOW.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *April 17, 1893.*

LUCIUS D. ALDEN, Esq., *City.*

DEAR SIR: Your card inviting me to unite with you in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of your Sabbath school, at hand. Please accept my thanks for the invitation. It was late on Saturday when I returned from Ohio, and I was not prepared for my evening service, and felt compelled to remain with my books, much as I would like to be present with you. It is not too late as yet to express my congratulations on the very great success of both your school and your church. May our common Lord and Master bless you and make you a blessing in the future as he has in the past.

Very truly yours, &c.,

G. JAMES JONES,
Pastor Tabernacle Congregational Church.

WASHINGTON D. C., *April 14, 1893.*

MY DEAR ALDEN: You can not imagine how much I regret my inability to attend the "jubilee" which your Sabbath school is to celebrate on the 16th instant, to which you have so kindly invited me. Three P. M. is our Sabbath school hour, and I feel it my duty to be in my place even at the sacrifice of such a treat. I congratulate the English Lutheran Church, its pastor, the officers and teachers of the Sabbath school (particularly the *model superintendent*), and the dear children, on the 50th anniversary which they are about to celebrate, and pray that the dear Lord may be present to bless and encourage you in the good work to which you have been called.

Your friend and brother,

JOHN B. SLEMAN.

Report of the Superintendent

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1892.

(The 50th Year of its Organization.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 31, 1893.*

To the Council of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church :

BRETHREN : I have the honor herewith to submit for your information, and for proper entry upon the church records, a complete report under the various heads of the organization, enrollment, equipment, etc., which is intended to cover all matters in relation to the Sunday school in all of its departments of organization and work for the year 1892 inclusive, with the accompanying reports of the secretary, Mr. J. Granville Meyers, Jr., and of the treasurer, Mr. Albert F. Fox. The year has been one of unusual prosperity, and has proven a veritable jubilee year. The enrollment increased during the year over and above all losses 67, or over $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and now numbers 447. Two officers and teachers and one scholar have died during the year : Mr. I. N. Kalb, the associate superintendent in charge of the adult department; Mr. John H. McCormick, the assistant superintendent in the intermediate department, and Mrs. Henry Raabe, a member of the pastor's class, adult department. In the death of the two first-named persons the school lost from its working force two most faithful and efficient officers and teachers, eminent in christian activity and usefulness ; and in Mrs. Raabe, a member whose character was that of a sincere christian, and who did what she could, as opportunity offered. My own personal loss in the death of these two assistant superintendents was great.

The sessions of the school have been well attended, also the Monday evening meetings for the study of the

following Sunday's lesson and for the transaction of current business. There is a marked improvement in regard to all that makes up a good session in the various departments of the school, and at the week-night meeting the hour has proven one of unusual interest and profit, and has through those present been of great benefit to the various classes and the school.

Three of our teachers, Mr. J. A. Weigle, Mr. E. B. Corcoran, and Miss Helen Schreiner, were transferred to the scholar's roll, being unable to continue in charge of their respective classes. One other, Miss Miriam Meals, married and withdrew, and Mrs. E. C. Opperman resigned on leaving the city. The following scholars, nine in all, were appointed by me as teachers: Miss Ada Augusterfer, Miss Minnie Seitz (reappointed), Miss Amy Eckhardt (reappointed), Miss Zada Kemp (reappointed), Miss May Levers, Mr. H. H. Seltzer, Mr. Charles Phillips, Mr. Dan. N. Klapp, and Mr. Lee Landers, and have in each case justified their selection and appointment. In the removal of the others mentioned the school lost the services of valued and experienced teachers, all of whom have records alike complimentary to themselves and to the school.

A goodly number of our members, thirteen in all, were received into the church during the year, and many others, I trust, will soon be candidates for admission. The reports of the secretary and treasurer are such as reflect the highest credit upon the entire school, and prove it to be active and to abound in good works. The offerings in all departments are of the highest amount known to be given by the members of any Sunday school, and appear to be given with the right spirit and a hearty desire to contribute to the Master's cause, and especially to spread abroad the Gospel.

Both reports show a very prosperous condition of affairs and give promise for 1893, for which we can all "thank God and take courage."

The recent improvements in the Sunday-school room, with special reference to the primary department, are of a most satisfactory character, affording a measure of relief from the crowded condition of all departments of the school, but will, I think, if the school continues its usual degree of prosperity and gain, prove only of a temporary character at best, and soon again the question of more room will be one that must be considered and solved with greater accommodation, or the growth of the school will be checked, if the enrollment does not decrease because of insufficient room. I submit herewith under different headings a large number of papers, showing everything of importance connected with the school.

With gratitude to God for His guidance and mercy, with thankfulness to all the officers, teachers, and scholars for their hearty coöperation and assistance, and with grateful remembrance of the many kindnesses shown me by the pastor and yourselves, brethren, and the most hearty acknowledgements of his and your services in and for the school, and with praise and commendation of all of our dear teachers and scholars, and asking God's guidance and even greater blessings for the year upon which we have entered, I am, brethren, in christian love, your brother in Christ,

LUCIUS D. ALDEN,
Superintendent.

Supplemental Report of the Superintendent,

COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO JUNE 30,
1893.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 30, 1893.*

To the Council of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church.

BRETHREN: I have the honor to submit herewith additional information and report in regard to the

organization and enrollment of the Sunday school to include June 30, 1893, with papers appended which give in detail accounts of all proceedings in connection therewith to date.

The growth and prosperity of the school continues, and we have much reason to be encouraged in the work. I urgently request that some action be taken at an early date looking to the necessary increased accommodations required by the school, its present quarters being totally inadequate to the needs of the present time. We have reason to believe that our enrollment will increase to over 500 before the end of the year, and look forward to a gain of one hundred or more during the year 1894.

The reports of the secretary and of the treasurer are very encouraging. The enrollment is now 480, with 31 classes in the school. The treasurer reports the class offering for the first six months of this year as amounting to \$612.75, and the receipts from all other sources \$207.46, making the total receipts \$820.21, the largest for a like period in the history of the school. The disbursements amount to \$881.31, and include the following: For Foreign Missions, \$129.98; church extension, \$117.82; Orphans' Home, \$151.20; and general expenses, including improvements to primary room and school, of \$482.31, leaving a balance on hand of \$86.44.

Interest in the study of the Word increases. Written examinations at the end of each quarter have been instituted, which are optional with the scholar, and bid fair to be popular and helpful. One death has occurred, that of our veteran member, Mr. Emerich G. Hansell. Two teachers, Miss Nannie Fleming and Miss Zada Kemp, have resigned, and left the city. Three teachers, Mrs. N. T. Haller, Miss Ella House, and Mr. Henry Raabe, have been appointed, and the coming month will witness, I trust, the organization of

an orchestra and choir to lead in the music of the school. A number of classes will soon be transferred to the adult department, which will then number over two hundred. The office of superintendent of that department is open. Was offered Mr. Albert F. Fox, but declined.

We are much indebted to Mr. Fox for his having the Sunday-school room repainted during the spring at his own expense. Our improvements are very much admired and enjoyed, and the entire school is in perfect harmony, and moving on with high hopes and aims, confident of more and greater successes in the great work assigned it as a part of the advance guard of the Christian Church, to perform.

With grateful appreciation of the services of all our workers, I beg to submit this as the closing act of the fifteenth year of my superintendency, and with it to thank you each and all for uniform helpfulness in the work of saving the young and instructing others of larger growth and advanced years in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

In christian love, your brother,

LUCIUS D. ALDEN,
Superintendent St. Paul's Sunday School.

Our Record for August, 1893.

The record for this month also surpasses all previous ones for a like period. The average attendance was 164. The class offerings amounted to \$37.15; \$9.29 per Sunday, or $5\frac{2}{3}$ cents per member. This makes the class offerings for the first eight months of 1893, \$707.52; the average attendance for the same time, 265; the average Sunday offering, \$20.21, or $7\frac{6}{10}$ cents per member per Sunday—a splendid record with which to close our history at this time of going to press.

During August the pastor has been absent, also Miss Grace E. Fox, teacher of the primary department. Miss Nettie E. Seitz has had charge of the primary class, developing talent in that very particular and responsible place for a teacher.

The superintendent has continued in charge of the school. Two new members have been added to the roll, Miss Ida Faber and Mr. E. E. Jones. The enrollment is now 494.

On August 13th \$30 was voted the Sunday-School Union for the pledge to the International Sunday-School Convention, and the expenses of the superintendent as a delegate also voted. At this date he will not be able to attend.

“At the sounding of the trumpet, when the saints are gathered home,
We will greet each other by the crystal sea;
With the friends and all the lov'd ones there awaiting us to come,
What a gath'ring of the faithful that will be!”

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETIES.

The Christian Endeavor Society held its anniversary meeting Sunday, May 14, at 7 P. M., conducted by the president, Daniel N. Klapp. Remarks were made by members of the society and visiting friends. The following history of the society has been furnished for publication by its recent secretary, Mr. Charles Phillips:

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S Y. P. S. C. E.

St. Paul's Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor was organized May 18, 1890. The following were the originators and organizers: Mr. L. D. Alden, Master Russel Alden, Mr. George F. Muth, Mr. E. B. Corcoran, Mr. Hansell, Miss Grace Fox, Miss Nettie Seitz, Miss Belle Leeds, Miss Margie Hubert, Mr. Geo. R. Linkins, Mr. Charles Linkins, and Mr. Edward Leeds, all but three of whom are active members in the society to-day. This first meeting was presided over by Mr. L. D. Alden, and was opened by reading the Scriptures and prayer, followed by a brief explanation of the objects of the society they were about to organize. After a free discussion of the subject in hand, it was decided by a unanimous vote that such a society be organized, as it would meet a long-felt want in the church, and also partially solve the problem of what to do in order to get the young people of the church at work.

The following officers were elected: George F. Muth, president; Lucius D. Alden, first vice-president; Belle Leeds, second vice-president; George R. Linkins, secretary and treasurer.

October 3, 1890, the first constitution of the Endeavor Society was adopted, and remained without change until April 27, 1892, when the model constitution was adopted.

About the 15th of January, 1891, at the request of the Washington City Bible Society, this society canvassed a district in the neighborhood of the church and distributed about thirty Bibles to children under the age of fourteen. Several older persons were found without Bibles; they also were supplied at the society's expense.

Sunday evening, May 31, 1891, the first anniversary of this society was held in the auditorium of the church after the regular prayer meeting in the lecture room. Mrs. Opperman, the president, presided and made some appropriate remarks. Short addresses were made by W. H. H. Smith, then president of District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union, and by Mr. D. N. Klapp. George R. Linkins, secretary, made a full report of this society's work during its first year. He also reported a total membership of 59—20 active and 39 associate members.

The following committees were also appointed: Prayer Meeting Committee, Lookout Committee, Social Committee.

Some time after its organization a committee was appointed to draft a constitution. The hour appointed for meeting was 7.15. During the week intervening between the first and second meeting, the committees got to work and steadily the society grew; and when summer came it was decided to continue the meetings during the summer.

Each Sunday evening at the stated hour the regular prayer meeting is held, and the last Sunday night in each month a solemn consecration service is held.

At the third meeting the pastor, Rev. Samuel Domer, was first present, and has been a constant attendant ever since. It may be well here to state, as it will appear on the records, no Sunday evening passed since the organization of the society that a regular prayer meeting has not been held.

The first delegate sent to the International convention, held in Minneapolis July, 1891, was Mr. L. D. Alden. The funds for sending a delegate were raised through the kindness of Mr. Lee Pitchlynn, who gave a stereopticon exhibition, realizing \$50, and Mrs. Rose Taylor and Mr. George Ryneal, Jr., each contributed \$5 apiece, \$60 in all. Mr. Lee Pitchlynn was elected an associate delegate. November, 1891, our society was honored by the election of one of its members, Mr. George F. Muth, as second vice-president of the District Christian Endeavor Union.

Since the organization of this society several very enjoyable sociables have been given, but at all of them there was one drawback—the church did not own a piano; and in February, 1892, the matter was brought up and it was decided to supply this long-felt want. A “C” supper and concert was given in the National Rifles’ Armory, March 25, 1892, Mr. Lee Pitchlynn, chairman, proceeds of which were nearly \$200. Some voluntary subscriptions were raised, which made the amount \$300, and the piano that now ornaments the Sunday-school room was purchased.

The second anniversary of this society was held on May 15, 1892, and at this anniversary the secretary reported a membership of 90—30 active and 60 associate.

Mr. Alden was elected this society’s delegate at the convention held in July, 1892, in the city of New York, but owing to sickness he could not attend. Mr. George F. Muth attended as the representative of the society at that convention.

Although this society is not as large as its members would like it to be, yet it has in it earnest christian workers who are true to their pledges, and many are present in clear and stormy weather. God’s blessing has crowned their humble endeavors in His name. True to

Christ and loyal to their own church, they are hopeful in their work.

November 4, 1892, the following officers were elected to serve six months: Mr. D. N. Klapp, president; Mr. William P. Belt, vice-president; Mr. Charles Phillips, secretary; Miss Jennie Barron, treasurer; Miss Nettie Seitz, corresponding secretary.

December 2, 1892, the regular monthly business meeting was held, and at that meeting the president of the Eureka society, a helpful circle of the Christian Endeavor Society, presented the sum of \$15, proceeds of the entertainment held in the lecture room of the church in October. It was accepted, and in addition \$10 was given which, by unanimous vote, was donated to a mission church at San Diego, Cal. The money was forwarded by the pastor, Rev. Samuel Domer.

The society now numbers nearly 100 members, most of whom are always willing and ready to do their part. The associate list is gradually diminishing, and the active list growing larger by these transfers. God has crowned the labors of this christian organization during these six months with much success.

On May 5, 1893, the regular monthly business meeting was held, and the following officers were elected: Mr. George F. Muth, president; Mr. George R. Linkins, vice-president; Miss Mabel Griffiths, recording secretary; Miss Maggie Jones, treasurer.

The office of corresponding secretary is permanent. This honor was previously conferred upon Miss Nettie Seitz, who fills the position with complete satisfaction. She enters heartily into all church work.

CHARLES PHILLIPS, *Secretary.*

MAY 19, 1893.

Junior Society of Christian Endeavor.

Our Junior Society of Christian Endeavor was organized Sunday, January 22, 1893, by the superintendent of the Sunday school, with 7 members present. It has now nearly 30, and meets in the primary department room each Saturday at 2 P. M. Miss Margaret R. Fox, the superintendent, is in charge; Miss Mabel Griffith, assistant; Master Russell Alden, secretary, and Miss Louie Leeds is the organist. This society is increasing in numbers rapidly, and it is hoped to gather in all the junior members of the Sunday school. It is to be a training school for the right upbuilding of Christian character, and a preparatory school for the senior Christian Endeavor Society.

The following is a list of the members other than those already mentioned who were present at the last meetings held in May and June: Grace Alden, Hattie E. Alden, May Corcoran, Susie Corcoran, Fred DeMoll, Helen DeMoll, Merl DeMoll, Blanch Koontz, Lottie McLaine, Bertie Muth, Charlie Ourand, Guy Ourand, Alma Rose, Annie Rott, Hattie Seitz, Clemos Stinzing, Rita Stinzing, May Viet.

On June 24th the closing meeting for the summer took place. June 10th the topic was "How may we make sure of a happy old age?" Miss Helen DeMoll was the leader. The subject was well presented, and a number took part, reading, speaking, and in prayer.

L. R. A.





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